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Broaden Out Anti-Picket Law Drive!

(Statement San Francisco County Committee, Communist Party)
Since the war hysteria days of 1916, San Francisco employers have shackled labor with the anti-picketing ordinance. Every time labor attempted to stay the greedy hands of the employers, the anti-picketing ordinance was swung like a club over the heads of the workers, leaving a trail of low wages, arrests, beatings and intimidation of San Francisco people.

BIG SPAIN MEET IN LOS ANGELES

Spain Youth Leader Speaks Jan. 28

MADRID.—Surprise attacks by workers' militia drove back the fascists at several key points on the Madrid front, the government announced.

A fascist attack near Majadahonda, northwest of the capital, was repulsed by the government troops.

Non-combatants were being evacuated from the Madrid war zone to Valencia.

It was reported that the British cruiser Sussex fired on a Spanish fascist cruiser, which had previously bombarded Valencia harbor and killed eight.

LOS ANGELES.—Featuring Maria Simarro, Spanish youth delegate as principal speaker, a huge mass meeting will be held at the Philharmonic Auditorium.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Associated Democrats Espanola is sponsoring a benefit banquet for the Spanish anti-fascists on Sunday, January 17, at 7 p. m., Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Thursday evening, January 28, to raise funds for the Spanish anti-fascists.

The meeting is being arranged by a number of branches of the Workman's Circle in cooperation with a large number of other Jewish fraternal and social organizations.

Included on the program in addition to Maria Simarro, will be Chaim Shapiro, outstanding liberal attorney and President of the United Anti-Nazi Conference of Southern California.

Technical Aid Is Planned to Spain

NEW YORK.—Formed by a group of outstanding trade unionists, writers and authors, the American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy has set up temporary headquarters at the offices of New Masses, 31 East 27th St., and will help Americans with technical experience to reach Spain.

"There has never been any large scale industry in Spain that could be used on short notice for the terrific demands of war," declared Waldo Frank, novelist, as chairman.

"We hope to aid Spanish democracy by helping Americans with technical experience reach Spain so that Spanish workers may be released from the factories to go to the front."

Officers will also be set up in other cities throughout the U.S. Workers wishing to go to Spain may obtain further information by writing the above address. All workers going will be paid trade-union wages in Spain.

WILL PROVE KING JURY PERJURED

Arguments for New Trial to be Heard on Jan. 20

OAKLAND.—Defense attorneys will present evidence of perjury on the part of jurors when arguments on the motion for a new trial are heard before Judge Frank Ogden January 20 on behalf of Earl King, E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner of the Marine Firemen's Union.

Jury Not Impartial

The motion for a new trial for the framed "ship-murder" defendants, charged with killing Chief Engineer George Alberts last March 22 on the Freight Point Lobos, was made under the penal code. George Andersen, chief of defense counsel, announced at the time he would also file a similar motion on constitutional grounds that the defendants were denied due process of law in that the jury was not fair and impartial.

E. BAY LABOR ELECTION MEET TAKES UP SLATE

Non-Partisan Federation Meets January 16

OAKLAND.—With the current trial of Police Judge George W. Hickman of Albany on the charges of grand theft and soliciting a bribe, giving pointed emphasis for the necessity of labor tickets in the coming municipal elections throughout Alameda County, the Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor of Alameda County will meet in special session Saturday evening, January 16, in the Labor Temple, 562 11th St., Oakland.

The special session will be devoted to discussion of independent political action by labor and a labor slate for municipal elections. A majority of unions in this county will be represented, it is expected.

Push Legislative Pardon for Mooney

SACRAMENTO.—Progressive Assemblymen have initiated a movement for a legislative pardon to Tom Mooney.

A resolution to pardon Mooney was being prepared by Assemblyman Voight of Los Angeles; Clark, Long Beach; Reeves, San Pedro; Yorty, Los Angeles; Richie, San Diego; Tenny, Inglewood and Pelletier, Los Angeles. Senator Cuthbert Olsen said he would favor the resolution in the Senate.

Trial of 2 Arrested in Mothers' Sit-down

LOS ANGELES.—Arrested in a "sit-in" strike at WPA headquarters last month, when 18 mothers dismissed from WPA sewing projects protested their dismissal, Mrs. Myrtle Calahan and Mrs. Charlotte Boynton went on trial, Wednesday, Jan. 13, on charges of "disturbance of the peace."

SEEK LAWS FOR CAL. PEOPLE

Bridges Brands Rossi Strikebreaker

MAJOR LINED UP VS. 40,000 STRIKING MEN

Bloody Record of San Francisco Mayor Is Exposed by West Coast Strike Leader Over National Radio Hookup

SAN FRANCISCO.—The issue in the West Coast maritime strike is the rights of 40,000 workers against the greed of 39 stockholders, said Harry Bridges, speaking over a national radio hookup last Tuesday.

Mayor Angelo Rossi has lined himself up with the 39 shipowning stockholders, said Bridges.

"Exactly one week ago tonight, Mayor Angelo Rossi of San Francisco broadcast a speech to the people of America over a nation-wide hookup," said Bridges.

"That speech was of the utmost importance since it dealt with a very serious emergency existing here on the Pacific Coast where the entire maritime industry has been brought to a standstill by a controversy between 40,000 American working men, on the one hand, and a small handful of wealthy shipowners representing no more than 39 stockholders, on the other."

Rossi's Choice
"In that speech Mayor Rossi had the opportunity to perform an important public service—explain clearly and honestly the true situation. But instead of availing himself of this opportunity—instead of soberly and honestly conveying the facts—Mayor Rossi took the side of the shipowners and delivered a propaganda speech in exact conformity with the strikebreaking publicity campaign of the Waterfront Employers' Association."

Harry Bridges, maritime strike leader, Vito Marcantonio, former New York Congressman, and Mayor John F. Dore, of Seattle will address the meeting.

Doctor Lewis Browne, prominent liberal, will preside as chairman.

The mass meeting will explain the true reasons behind the strike and show up the forces that are prolonging it.

The necessity for mass pressure upon President Roosevelt and the shipping companies will be stressed by the speakers.

Admission to the meeting will be free.

LOS ANGELES.—With a considerable number of recommended changes, the San Pedro local of the Sailor's Union of the Pacific has sent back to the negotiating committee in San Francisco the tentative agreement reached with the shipowners.

The Western Worker Drive

SIX MORE WEEKS TO GO—AND THE DRIVE IS ONLY 27% COMPLETED

THIS IS THE ALARMING status of the Workers' Press Sustaining Fund drive for 1937. Every member of the Communist Party in California, every Communist unit in this state must let this fact sink in—and then ACT!

When the financial drive was begun November 15th, we declared that a minimum of \$10,000 was needed to guarantee publication of the Western Worker for 1937—with an additional \$2,000 for the Daily Worker. We meant exactly that. Unless the entire fund is subscribed by March 1st—we shall have to declare a state of emergency some time during 1937, and launch another drive for funds.

We want to avoid this—and it can be avoided. We have no doubt of the ability of the units and sections to raise their full quotas, even before March first. The good work of some of the smaller sections demonstrates that. But the entire Party in California must awaken to the need for stepping up the drive, getting some punch behind it, and bringing in results!

The people of California are faced with tremendous tasks in 1937. The Western Worker is an effective weapon in the hands of the people—and every Communist must see to it that the people are not robbed of this weapon!

Let the slogan of every member of the Communist Party be: "Over the Top Before March First!"

THAT'S FASCISM



FASCISM is the most brutal form of rule yet known. Above a child of Madrid is led away as workers search for bodies in the wreckage of a house demolished by a bomb in the fascist campaign against civilians of the Spanish capital.

E. BAY JOINS IN FIGHT ON FINK COPELAND BOOK

Labor Council Insists A. F. L. Drop Support of Bill

OAKLAND.—The weight of the Alameda County Central Labor Council was thrown into the fight against "fink" sections of the Copeland ship subsidy bill this week when the labor body voted unanimous approval of a resolution offered by District No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

The resolution attacks the previous action of the legislative committee of the American Federation in supporting the Copeland bill, asserting that this stand was taken at the insistence of reactionary officials of the International Seamen's Union "who do not represent the true attitude of the men."

The measure demands that the legislative committee of the AFL withdraw its support of the fink sections of the bill, and that it join in the fight for amendments guaranteeing collective bargaining for marine workers; restricting the powers of the Maritime Commission; eliminating compulsory military service in peace time, and outlawing continuous discharge books—the so-called "dog-collar" clauses through which blacklisting control of marine workers could be accomplished.

P.T.A. Seeks Repeal Of Calif. Criminal Syndicalism Act

LOS ANGELES.—Repeal of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act was favored in a resolution adopted by the executive council of the California Congress, Parents and Teachers, in a three-day session here.

TROOPS IN FLINT
FLINT, Mich.—1400 National Guardsmen equipped with rifles, bayonets and machine guns, have moved into this city, main center of the strike against General Motors.

LABOR BACKS SACTO. MEET ON WEEK-END

Vandeleur to Attend People's Legislative Conference; Four Labor Councils Help Prepare Bills for Legislature

(See Page 8 for Proposed Bills Before Conference)

SACRAMENTO.—California people's forces for progress will mobilize against the dangerously reactionary and pro-fascist threats of the California Manufacturers' Association and the Associated Farmers of California, this Friday and Saturday, January 16-17, at the People's Legislative Conference convening here Saturday morning in the Labor Temple.

Both groups of employers have raised big war chests for a bitter fight against the organized labor program in the current Legislature, and against all people's bills. Against these reactionary forces, the People's Legislative Conference is expected to set up a People's Lobby to organize mass support for labor and people's legislation and against all reactionary legislation.

Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, is planning to attend the Conference, declared A. F. Gaylor, chairman of the Conference's San Francisco Sponsoring Committee, in a radio speech last Monday night over KGBC, San Francisco.

"The Conference is receiving extensive support from labor leaders," said Gaylor, who himself represents the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, General Office, Lodge 390.

"Mr. Edward Vandeleur plans to attend the conference and may address it. In addition, Mr. Vandeleur has requested and been given four proposed laws prepared for the conference which he will use as the main- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Start Labor's Election Drive
Delegates from 42 local labor bodies responded to the call and unanimously endorsed the proposals to inaugurate this independent election campaign of Labor. In addition a number of observers were present from other trade unions.

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To Appeal Blow At Nat'l Labor Act

SAN FRANCISCO.—Appeal will be made in the 2 to 1 decision of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declaring the National Labor Relations Act unconstitutional.

The decision invalidating the labor act was made last Monday, in a case involving blacklisting of five American Radio Telegraph Assn. members by the Mackay Radio and Telegraph Co.

The National Labor Relations Board is expected to carry the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Mackay Co. claimed that 5 blacklisted strikers were discharged for "incompetency."

15 CENTS A DAY WAGES
TOKYO.—Skilled weavers of rayon and silk goods in Japan are paid 15 to 30 cents a day, according to the Japan Silk Year Book.

FIGHT ON ANTI-PICKET LAW IN E. BAY STARTS

OAKLAND.—Steps for the launching of a spirited campaign against the Oakland anti-picketing ordinance were announced by William Spooner, secretary of the Central Labor Council.

A meeting to further plans was to be held Thursday afternoon, and an attorney was to be retained to draw up petitions, Spooner said.

L.A. LABOR IN NEW ELECTION MEET JAN. 24

Plans Under Way For Labor Slate In Coming Polls

(Earlier details in last issue)
LOS ANGELES.—One of the most enthusiastic Labor Conferences held here recently, took place Sunday, January 10, at the Painters District Council Hall.

The Conference was called by the Los Angeles Painters' District Council No. 36 for the purpose of launching a campaign to elect a Labor Ticket in the coming Los Angeles Municipal Elections.

Delegates from 42 local labor bodies responded to the call and unanimously endorsed the proposals to inaugurate this independent election campaign of Labor. In addition a number of observers were present from other trade unions.

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NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK.—The Union Sulphur S. Co. at Baltimore has signed an agreement with the East Coast Seamen's Strike Committee. Terms were not disclosed.

COPELAND HAS AMENDMENT
WASHINGTON.—Senator Copeland is reported as stating he was drafting an amendment to his "safety-at-sea" law which will make blacklisting a criminal offense. The joint strike committee has wired President Roosevelt protesting the announcement of Washington police that they will have tear gas and other armaments ready when seamen march to Washington to protest the strikebreaking sections of the Copeland Act.

FISHERMEN JOIN

MONTEREY, Cal.—More than 700 fishermen working out of Monterey Bay have decided to dissolve their organization and affiliate with the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union, affiliated with the ISU.

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this progressive and constructive move, and pointed out the need for unity of all progressive and labor groups in such a tremendous undertaking.

Carpenters' Keynote
The keynote speaker of the conference was C. W. Van Winkle, President of the Carpenters' District Council. Brother Van Winkle in his remarks touched upon the developing movement throughout the country for independent political action of Labor.

"The Akron and Toledo Labor movements have shown us the way," he said, referring to the election of Labor candidates in recent elections there. "The Alameda County Central Labor Council," he said, "is initiating the same movement as we, by calling a similar conference in Oakland for January 16."

Van Winkle called upon the delegates to go back to their local unions and rally the membership in support of this great task. "Labor," he said, "must throw off the yoke of lethargy that has kept us at the mercy of machine politicians." He stated that the Central Labor Council must be convinced to throw its full support behind this campaign.

The delegates gave him rousing applause as he concluded with an appeal for Labor to get this campaign in full swing and elect candidates to the Los Angeles City Government who will act in the interests of Labor and the hundreds of thousands of Labor sympathizers.

Among Labor Bodies Present
Some of the organizations present were the Carpenters' District Council, the Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, the Painters' District Council, the two largest locals of the Carpenters' Brotherhood, Locals No. 946 and No. 25; Millmen No. 884; and other Carpenters' locals were represented. A number of Painters' locals were present as well as Upholsterers' Fur Workers No. 97; Teachers No. 40; Pharmacists; Jewelry Workers No. 23; House Movers; Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen No. 448; United Auto Workers No. 106; and many others.

San Pedro Represented
San Pedro, which will elect a new councilman this year, was well represented by a number of unions affiliated to the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. C. Jordan, secretary of the Federation, was present as a delegate from the American Radio Telegraphists Association.

It was decided to hold the next conference Sunday, January 24, 2 p.m. at the Painters' Hall, 1748 Santee St., at which time the plans for the campaign as well as candidates will be completed.

It is expected that many local unions, not having met because of the holidays, will affiliate to the conference which adopted the name "Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections."

He Wants Maritime Strikes Barred

LOS ANGELES—One Frank Douglas, who is a conciliator for the National Railway Labor Board in California, has been putting his two cents in here in regard to the maritime strike.

Douglas, who is engaged in settling, or rather throttling disputes on the Sacramento Northern, Tidewater Southern, and Western Pacific Railroads, wants to see laws passed to make it impossible to strike in the maritime industry.

He wants the long drawn-out arbitration, compulsory in character that has made it next to impossible for railroad workers to strike, to cover the maritime industry.

"I expect legislation for the shipping industry, similar to that governing railroad labor relations," he stated. "Under the terms, a long strike becomes virtually impossible."

"At once an emergency board is empowered to gather facts and make them public, and the controversy is rapidly settled thereafter by agreement, mediation or arbitration."

UNION OUSTS STOOLE
TOLEDO, O.—Charged as a labor spy planted in the union by a strikebreaking agency, Bart Furey, former chairman of the union shop committee at Electric Auto Lite Co., has been expelled from United Automobile Workers of America Local 12.

FIGHTS FASCISTS



GENERAL EMIL KLEBER, naturalized Canadian and native of Austria, who leads the famous International Brigade in the defense of Madrid against Spanish, German and Italian fascists.

ROSSI BRANDED STRIKEBREAKER

Bridges Replies to
Mayor on Radio

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ed was not an appeal to 'end the strike' but an appeal to break the strike.

"We say that this malicious attack by the mayor of San Francisco on the just cause of 40,000 American working men and their wives and children was deliberate and premeditated."

"To the people of the nation allow me to officially deny that at any time since the outbreak of the strike has Mayor Rossi seen fit to confer with the maritime strikers or their representatives. We have no specific knowledge of his conferences with the employers, but it is the opinion of the maritime strikers that Mayor Rossi represents and secures all his information from the shipowners."

"Mayor Rossi was careful to protect himself by the insertion of numerous qualifying phrases such as 'I have been told,' 'We are informed' and 'I am advised.' But we must not overlook that near the end of his speech he declared: 'I am presenting this recital of facts because I believe it to be my duty to do so. They are facts.'"

"In other words, after reciting no end of distortions and fabrications which he carefully qualified as second-hand rumors, Mayor Rossi then asserts that all of this backfence, Chamber of Commerce gossip is established fact."

Unanimous Action
"I want to call your attention to the fact that this strike is not so much based on a difference of opinion within an industry as it is upon the almost unanimous accord of all the responsible elements in that industry."

"I want to call your attention to the fact this strike is a strike of the entire maritime profession. Every man or boy who makes his living by the sea from the captains right down to the lowest rank, and including the longshoremen and all other dock workers, are united in firm solidarity on the strikers' side."

"Against this unanimous accord of every man who plays any useful part in the maritime industry, Mr. Rossi sees fit to argue the case of a small handful of shipowners—three main companies, to be exact—representing no more than 39 stockholders."

"Just a word now about Mr. Rossi's record as a public official. In his speech last Tuesday, Mayor Rossi said:

"There can be no question but prior to 1934, working conditions aboard ship and in the handling of cargo at ports were not fair."

"That is what Mayor Rossi said last Tuesday during the part of his speech where he was seeking to create the impression of broadminded fairness."

"Let us go back to 1934 when maritime workers were out on strike over the whole Pacific Coast waging a desperate and difficult struggle to improve those conditions. This was a struggle in which fathers were striving to win food and a decent chance at life for their children—this was a struggle in which hungry and exploited men were struggling for a living wage and a square deal."

"In order to win that strike we had to face the flaming guns of the San Francisco police sent down to the waterfront by Mayor Rossi. Two of our men were shot dead during that strike and literally hundreds were injured."

"The city of San Francisco replied to Mayor Rossi with a general strike of all labor. And only by that tremendous expression of public opinion were we able to defeat this strikebreaking assault."

"Yes, we won better conditions in the 1934 strike. We won them

APPEAL TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN DRIVE TO MAKE S. F. ANTI- PICKET LAW REPEAL A SUCCESS

Labor Council Body Organizing Speakers' Bureau; Supervisors Assure That Appeal Will Be On Ballot March 2

SAN FRANCISCO.—Repeal of San Francisco's 20-year anti-picketing law will definitely be on the ballot at the special election March 2, the Board of Supervisors has decided.

At the same time the Central Labor Council's anti-picketing repeal committee announced broadening out of its campaign to push repeal of the law. Speakers will be sent into every civic and improvement organization and luncheon club, to all fraternal organizations and trade unions, to urge repeal of the anti-picketing law.

A speakers' bureau is being organized, according to Thomas L. Chambers, general chairman of the campaign committee and president of the Building Trades Council.

Practically every union in the city has pledged to support the campaign for repeal. The executive committee of 25 to handle the campaign consists of:

Thomas L. Chambers, chairman; Edward D. Vandeleur, president of Labor Council, vice chairman; Clarence H. King, Musicians' Union, secretary; John A. O'Connell, secretary of Labor Council, assistant secretary and the following leaders from the two councils:

Labor Council—Frank Brown, Molders; George Hollis, Typographical; Lawrence Palacios, Laundry Workers; George G. Kidwell, Bakery Wagon Drivers; Hugo Ernst, Waiters and Dairy Lunchmen; Fred West, Window Cleaners; Carl Barnes, Milk Wagon Drivers; Henry Schmidt, Longshoremen; Warren G. Denton, Warehousemen; Gordon Stein, Fur Workers; Robert Scott, Street Carmen No. 1004; C. T. McDonough, Cooks.

Building Trades Council—Jack Smith, Plasterers; James E. Ricketts, business representative of Building Trades Council; Jack Spalding, Plumbers No. 442; Dan Del Carlo, Glass Workers; Jack Field, Steam Fitters; Edward Dunsby, Painters No. 19; Joseph Murphy, Hod Carriers; Harry McCormick, Laborers; James McKnight, Electricians.

In addition a general committee, composed of a delegate from each union, meets in the Labor Temple every Saturday night.

Men on East Coast Press for Poll

NEW YORK.—Striking East Coast maritime workers, in a statement released by the joint maritime strike council, announced their willingness to submit to a poll by the federal maritime commission to determine whether they shall be represented by the rank-and-file strike committee or by old-line officials of the Intl. Seamen's Union.

Strike leaders contend that many lines have refused to sign because they could not ascertain who represented the men. They expressed confidence that a poll would give their group an overwhelming majority.

In Jersey City and Hoboken, N. J., city officials and police continued to prevent peaceful picketing and responded to protests by the American Civil Liberties Union "with charges of Communism. Continuing their strikebreaking tactics, Hoboken police arrested six seamen, including James Lowe, chairman of the Jersey strike committee, on charges of assault and conspiracy to commit assault."

by standing up to the blazing guns of Mayor Rossi's police. "Mr. Rossi had a lot to say about who is preventing a settlement of this strike. He accused me in particular of not wanting to end this struggle. I do not care about Mr. Rossi's personal attack upon me. But for the mayor of an American city to deliberately and maliciously slander the just cause of 40,000 workers and their families, is something more serious."

"I'll tell you who is preventing a settlement of this strike. This strike could have been settled long ago if the employers had been willing to sit down to honest, practical negotiations. Did they do this? Did they really put their heads together and try to work out agreements? They did NOT."

"From the very day this strike started, they have been stalling on negotiations—marking time and quibbling over subterfuges—while all of their real efforts have been devoted to trying to break this strike and break our unions in the bargain."

"Mayor Rossi's speech was nothing more or less than another effort to break the strike instead of settling it."

LABOR BACKS SACTO. MEET

Many Organizations
Elect Delegates

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stay of his legislative program for the State Federation of Labor.

"These are bills which protect against vigilante terror" used upon trade unions, which forbid any city or county to have a law against peaceful picketing, which permit reopening of convictions like the Mooney case, and which make an employer liable for the acts of his hired policemen."

Four Central Labor Bodies
Repeal of the sales tax, anti-injunction, more protection for people's civil rights, and social security are expected to be subjects of other bills for "Conference backing."

Four AFL central bodies endorsed the Conference and elected delegates—Alameda County Central Labor Council, San Joaquin County (Stockton) Central Labor Council, Santa Clara County (San Jose), Central Labor Council, Monterey Central Labor Union.

Registration opens Saturday at 10 a.m. The tentative agenda calls for delegates visiting legislators Saturday afternoon to get endorsements to bills; caucuses of organized labor, youth, unemployment and social security, and civil liberties on Saturday night.

Conference Agenda
Rev. Floyd Seaman, chairman of L.A. Sponsoring Committee, will open the Conference on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. H. C. Carrasco, of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, will give a keynote address, followed by an Assemblyman yet to be named. Sunday afternoon, the delegates will again caucus, to bring back reports and resolutions for the entire Conference.

Los Angeles headquarters of the Conference reports delegates will attend from Painters, 511, Millmen 884, International Ladies Garment Workers Union Local 8, District Council of Painters No. 36, Fur Workers 87, Independent Marine Shipbuilders Union Local 8, many movie studio locals, Epic Continuation Committee and Assembly District Councils, ICOR, American League Against War and Fascism, Workers' Alliance, and many others.

East Bay Delegation
Leo Fried, of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, who is secretary of the Alameda County Sponsoring Committee, reports delegates elected from Street and Electric Railway Employees 818; Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks; Warehousemen of Oakland, Tunnel, Aqueduct and Subway Workers 53; Federal Labor Union; Hoisting and Portable Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, 59; Carriers Workers 20,099; Workers' Alliance; Negro Congress; and Haakon Chevalier, noted writer, from the Inter-professional Association.

S. F. Representation
The San Francisco representation will include International Longshoremen's Association, Local 38-74; Warehousemen's Union, Local 38-44; Marine Cooks and Stewards 35; Marine Firemen; American Radio Telegraphists' Association; Ship Scalers; Machinists 68; Plumbers, Local 442; Nurses' Union; Alaska Cannery Workers Union; ILGWU, Local 8; Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks; Filling Station Employees, Local 19,570; Lumber Handlers' Union; Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church; Fellowship of Christian Social Service; American League Against War and Fascism; Tom Mooney Molders' Defense Committee.

Carpenters Local 1710, Mill Valley, elected delegates, as did the Palo Alto Young Democratic Club.

Personal Letter

To Our 1500 New Party Members

They say you can't put new wine in old bottles, but new blood in any organization makes it grow strong and fit to carry on bigger and better battles for the working people.

You new Party members give the Communist Party new energy, new vitality and—most important—new links with the masses of workers and small farmers. This gives you a big opportunity to do a real service for your party, an important job in your first few weeks or months as a Communist.

The job is simple: You have friends, relatives, shop-mates, fellow unionists, neighbors. Because you know them as friends or from working with them, you know which ones are ready, with a little coaching, to take their place alongside you in the Party. If you need any advice or assistance, just ask an older Party member to cooperate with you.

New members are often our best recruits, because of their close contact with many workers who have begun to "talk radical," and who only need a few friendly talks to convince them that they belong in the Party.

Let your first Party job be to see how many of your fellow workers, friends, relatives and neighbors you can get to join you in the ranks of our Party. Comradely yours, CALIF. STATE COMMITTEE C. P., U. S. A.

CALL UNIONS TO LA RELIEF MEET

Takes Place Jan. 31 Under
Auspices of Alliance

LOS ANGELES.—Carrying on its determined fight for decent living standards for the unemployed, the Workers' Alliance in Los Angeles is issuing calls to all trade unions, unemployed organizations, and civic and progressive organizations, for a conference on unemployment and relief needs to take place Jan. 31, at 242 South Hill Street.

"We call on all labor organizations and progressive minded people to join with us, in working out a program of legislative action that will assure the unemployed a decent standard of living, while at the same time guarantee the organized workers in the trade unions, that the unemployed will not be used to cut the existing union wages," the call reads.

The conference will thoroughly discuss all unemployment and relief problems and will lay plans for the sending of delegates to the Unemployment and Relief Needs Legislative Conference, to be held in Washington, D. C. February 15.

8 Railroad Men Mangled in Wreck

KELSO, CAL.—Eight railroad workers were horribly mangled and killed when a locomotive ran down their section-car on the Union Pacific near the Nevada border Wednesday.

Their bodies were strewn for 350 feet along the right of way. Identification could not be made immediately, because of the mutilation. One of those killed, Vernal Anderson, 36, had five children.

L.A. Meet to Hit Poland Pogroms

LOS ANGELES.—To protest programs against the Jewish people in Poland a mass meeting has been arranged here January 19 at the Music Arts Hall, 233 S. Broadway, at 8 p.m.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Conference of Jewish Organizations Against Pogroms in Poland. Speakers will include Chaim Shapiro of the United Anti-Nazi League, Dr. Floyd Seaman of the Grace Methodist Church, Rev. Rudolf Lupa, Rev. A. Silberstein and Dr. J. Alkow of San Bernardino.

Rathborne to Leave Soon to Take Up ARTA Pres. Post.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Mervyn Rathborne, secretary of the Joint Strike Committee of the Pacific Coast Unions, will leave shortly for New York to take up his duties as National President of the American Radio Telegraphists Association.

For the past two years Rathborne has been active in union affairs on the Pacific Coast, as secretary of District Council Number 2 of the Maritime Federation in San Francisco, as well as in other trusted positions in labor circles.

NO BALLOT NOW, STRIKERS SAY

6000 Approve Policy
Committee Stand

SAN FRANCISCO.—Six thousand members of the Maritime Federation massed in Dreamland Auditorium on Tuesday endorsed the stand taken by the Coast Policy Committee not to submit any tentative agreements to a coastwide ballot until all unions are prepared to do likewise.

Each striking union was represented, the strikers heard reports from the Committee for repeal of the Copeland bill and the Relief Committee.

Pejer Innes, representing the East Coast strike strategy committee effectively spiked rumors circulated to the effect that their strike is over. Innes said that the bulk of these rumors originated here on the West Coast. A wire supposedly sent by Joseph Curran to the Sailors Union of the Pacific stating that the East Coast strike had weakened and the morale of the men was going down was declared false by Innes.

Harry Bridges, speaking for the longshoremen, said that the shipowners were now attempting to insert certain clauses of the recently negotiated SUP agreement which were aimed directly at the control of the hiring hall. "We refuse to accept any such agreement," Bridges emphasized.

The membership were advised of a probable move for government intervention some time in the near future. All unions unanimously agreed that there would be no arbitration in so far as the hiring hall and the eight hour day for the Cooks and Stewards were concerned, however.

Revel Cayton, a Negro leader of the Cooks was given a rising ovation on his report. He stated that his group, and especially those of his race working on the coastwise ships, were the most exploited of all. "We are seeking emancipation, and we expect and know that all of the maritime unions will stand back of us," he said.

Mourn Passing Of Fighter For Working Class

SAN FRANCISCO.—On January 5, Comrade Max Arana, one of the most capable and sincere workers among the Spanish-American colony here, passed away in the County Hospital.

Comrade Arana was a man of steel determination. He came to this country in 1929 as an exile from his native country, Peru, after the famous uprising in the Cerro de Pasco mines against Wall Street imperialism in Latin America. He was an active Communist since 1932, when he joined the Party here.

Well Known As Editor
During his stay in California, Comrade Arana was always a very active organizer among the Spanish workers, and at one time was the editor of Lucha Obrera, the paper published in Spanish by the Communist Party in California, and recently also edited "Vanguardia," a united front publication in the interest of the anti-imperialist movement. He was also a member of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union.

As Comrade Arana leaves no estate, the funeral expenses will have to be met by voluntary contributions. Any Party member or sympathizer wishing to donate, is urged to contact Jack Berolla at the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, 32 Clay St., San Francisco. Contributions will be much appreciated by his comrades and brother unionists.

**Striking Seamen
Get Relief Status**
SAN FRANCISCO.—Partial victory in the fight for relief for striking seamen has been won here when a committee from the Maritime Strike Relief Committee and the Workers' Alliance received a promise from the

LABOR'S RIGHT TO ORGANIZE DEMANDED AT FARM HEARING CALLED BY U. S. COMMISSION

Tenancy Problem in Calif. Overshadowed
By Labor Problem, Government Told
By Representatives of Unions

SAN FRANCISCO.—California agriculture is an industry, so far as the vast majority of agricultural production is concerned. Any attempt to solve the social and economic problems involved without dealing with agricultural labor problems as such is a reactionary waste of time.

This was a generally accepted maxim here Tuesday at the regional conference called by the President's commission. Presumably the conference was called to discuss the question of farm tenancy, to receive proposals for a solution of this problem which is especially acute in the South and Middle West.

Workers Speak Out
Agricultural workers and their organizations brought forth practically the only definite proposals in the verbal reports at Tuesday's hearing, aside from introducing into the records a series of scathing denunciations of the large growers and grower-shippers for their lawless methods of combating workers' rights to organize for better wages and conditions.

Most comprehensive of these reports was a written brief submitted by the Simon J. Lubin Society, which was formed in San Francisco to assist agricultural organization by research and through raising funds. A verbal elaboration was given by Maurice J. Moonitz, representing the executive committee.

The report called for recognition of unionization for collective bargaining, extension of the labor relations act to agriculture, federal relief for migratory workers on an area basis, extension of moratorium on farm debts, and investigation by the LaFollette Committee, under Senate Resolution 266, of farm labor and documented examples of vigilantism in California.

From the Unions
Speaking more directly from agricultural workers' organizations were Warren Brown, Agricultural Workers' Local 20221, Stockton; Walter Cowan, vice-president of the State Federation of Labor; J. B. Nathan, secretary of the California Council of Agricultural Workers (a group of independent unions); Donald Bingham, Agricultural Workers' Local 20241, Sacramento; Luella Branham, member of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union and participant in the Salinas strike.

Graphic accounts of miserable conditions and terror were given by Brown, Bingham and Branham. Cowan denounced the "definite determination" of the Associated Farmers and Chamber of Commerce "to hold agricultural workers in California in a state of peonage."

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More Camps
In company with other spokesmen he urged the extension of the Resettlement Administration's migratory labor camps, whose present program of seven projected camps were seen as entirely inadequate.

At the same time he urged the application of the Walsh-Healy act to the agricultural industry, requiring labor provisions as to wages, minimum hours, etc., as a condition of granting any federal funds.

Roy M. Pike, manager of the huge El Solero Ranch at Vernalis, Calif., and Fred Goodcell, executive secretary of the Associated Farmers, avoided putting their real program on the record.

Pike wanted all questions to be left with local authorities, a program to leave vigilantism unhampered. "I live on a ranch," he said. "I don't find all this hatred." His reference was to the accounts of terror by agricultural workers. He dismissed them: "I don't believe they ever lived on a ranch. The trouble in agriculture was largely caused by those eastern agencies."

Goodcell thumped his chest by remarking that the Associated Farmers had made "some mistakes," but "it's an immense job, gentlemen." Further, "Some of our housing conditions are horrible and terrible, but they are being improved." Still further: "As a matter of fact, the farmer is a worker himself."

**Expect Re-Seating
of Sailors in S.F.**
SAN FRANCISCO.—Having been reaffiliated to the State Federation of Labor, the Sailors Union of the Pacific has requested that the San Francisco Central Labor Council again seat its delegates.

The matter has been referred to the Executive Committee, with favorable action expected.

A Special Maritime Strike Page of News and Features

REPLY OF ILA 38-79 TO MAYOR ROSSI BRANDS LATTER AS AN OUTRIGHT SHIPOWNERS' MAN

Mayor Rossi is Reminded of the Way He Gave Shipowners Sanction in Using Violence in 1934 Strike

SAN FRANCISCO—The ILA Local 38-79 strike committee's reply to Mayor Rossi's vicious radio attack follows:

The strike committee of Local 38-79, ILA, considers your radio speech a violent attack not only on the maritime unions but on organized labor as a whole. We hereby call your attention to a

SAILORS' VIEW OF FINK BOOK

A Glorified System of Blacklisting

By EDWIN O. ROBE (SUP, E.C. No. 1759)

(San Pedro Joint Strike Bulletin)

The L. A. "Times" last December 29 attacked editorially the seamen's position on the continuous discharge book and efficiency certificate provisions of the Copeland Bill.

It is the expressed opinion of competent admiralty lawyers that these provisions institute nothing more than a glorified blacklist system, and would in no way prevent further frauds such as have been practiced in the past. It should be remembered that all able seamen have carried certificates of service (U. S. Dept. of Commerce Shipping Commissioners' Discharge) and also certificates of efficiency (A. B. Certificates and Lifeboat Certificates) for the past twenty-two years. The only way inefficient seamen can obtain these certificates, which are issued by the U. S. Government, is by fraud. This is a Federal offense punishable by imprisonment in a Federal penitentiary. When such frauds are perpetrated, mostly in times of strike when shipowners cannot get experienced crews, it is with the knowledge of the shipowners, and they wink at such practices if they do not actually aid and abet them.

The "Times" states that "Labor Leaders" lobbied for this bill. We know the shipowners' lobby framed this dog-collar provision in it, but if they were aided by any labor leaders, they were of the same rotten, racketeering calibre as Paul Scharenberg, the discredited sell-out ex-official of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, who was expelled in disgrace by the membership by the overwhelming referendum vote of 11 to 1.

Nearly every American merchant seaman has voluntarily signed protests to the President and to Congress emphatically stating that they will never accept this un-American fink-book as a condition of employment.

Under the similar continuous discharge books issued by the British Board of Trade, the National Seamen's Union of England was smashed, English seamen now work and live under conditions which are vile and almost unbearable, and this dog-collar blacklist book keeps them from any organized or even individual action to remedy these conditions.

Australian and New Zealand seamen's unions were destroyed under a similar act.

The Continuous Discharge Book provisions of the Copeland Bill is patently unfair to seamen because it places them, as individual employees of private employers, under Governmental control and supervision, and under semi-naval discipline.

This is no more right and proper than it would be to place the employees of the Steel Industry, the Rubber Industry, et cetera, under the same Federal supervision, control and discipline. This would be done only under a Fascist regime such as in Italy or Germany today.

Concern for Public

You express great concern for the public in the present dispute. Therefore we ask you which body represents the public more fully: the 40,000 workers on strike, or the 39 stockholders of the three major ship companies who are blocking peace? Inasmuch as you seem very slightly informed about the maritime dispute, we add that the three major companies we refer to are the Dollar, Matson, and American-Hawaiian lines.

In conclusion let us call your attention to the fact that the waterfront workers are at present on strike for fundamental labor rights, all of which were recognized by President Roosevelt as just and fair in speeches before his re-election.

Chauffeurs Donate \$1155 to Maritime Strikers Relief

SAN FRANCISCO—The Chauffeurs Union stands steadfast behind the maritime strike, having donated \$1155, the result of a voluntary \$1 per member assessment.

Cleaners and Dyers Union donated \$100 for the strike.

Protest Police Aid To E. Coast Scabs

NEW YORK—Police cars are being used to carry scabs to ships, and the Joint Maritime Strike Committee has sent a telegram of protest to Mayor LaGuardia. LaGuardia likes to pose as a liberal.

The Strike Committee also protested attacks by police and plain-clothes men on picketing seamen here.

Scenes From the East Coast



LEFT, Boston longshoremen coming from a meeting where they had just elected a rank and file, anti-Ryan slate. At right, striking New York seamen at a meeting on Eleventh Avenue, before their headquarters.

Sailors Tentative Pact "No Victory"

By AL V. QUITTENTON (Sailors' Union of the Pacific)

After a thorough study of the agreement proposed by the offshore shipowners to the membership of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific (E.C.), I would like to offer my comments and analysis of same. Although some people may hail this tentative "proposal" as a "victory"—an exhaustive study of this proposal, to me it seems that is far from such.

URGE A NEW TRIAL FOR EARL KING

Unions Called On To Adopt Resolution To That Effect

SAN FRANCISCO—Organized labor as a whole is bitter at the frameup trial and conviction of Earl King, E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner. By adopting the resolution given below, as suggested by the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee, that bitterness can be translated into effective action. The resolution follows:

WHEREAS, Earl King, Ernest G. Ramsay and Frank J. Conner have been convicted of the crime of murder by the Superior Court of Alameda County, and

WHEREAS, The trial jury was chosen out of a jury panel from which trade union members and sympathizers had been systematically excluded; and

WHEREAS, The trial jury returned a verdict of murder without carefully considering the evidence—deliberating but four hours over evidence which took five weeks to present; and

WHEREAS, The conviction was based largely upon perjured evidence of employers' stool pigeons, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That we affirm our continued belief in the innocence of these framed union brothers, and declare that they are entitled to and shall receive our unqualified support to prevent another Mooney or Modesto case, and be it further

RESOLVED: That we request that these three brothers be given a new and fair trial to remove this blot from the fair name of our State, and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to Earl Warren, District Attorney of Alameda County, Governor Merriam, and the public press.

Pt. Arthur, Beaumont Strikers Win Right To Picket Again

BEAUMONT, Tex.—Picketing was resumed in Port Arthur and Beaumont after strikers, in Civil Appeals Courts, beat an anti-picketing injunction in effect against them over five weeks ago.

Because of this injunction and the viciousness of Chief of Police Baker's men, the effectiveness of the strike in the above named ports had been very poor. With the picketing ban now raised, Port Arthur and Beaumont are expected to come to the forefront once again.

10,000 MEN IN RUBBER PLANT AID MARITIME

Give 25 Cents Each to Strikers; Union Pledges Support

AKRON, Ohio—Solidarity between rubbers workers and auto and maritime strikers was pledged at Akron by Pres. S. H. Dalrymple of the United Rubber Workers of America, who urged all unions to donate heavily to strike funds.

Local 5, Goodrich, gave \$500 from the union treasury, and collected 25c from 10,000 workers in the shop for the maritime strikers. Other unions were asked to follow the example.

Norfolk Council Seats Strikers

NORFOLK, Va.—By a unanimous vote, the Central Labor Union of the AFL here seated all delegates of the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Waterfenders Union and the Eastern and Gulf Sailors Association, both unions, now taking part in the general strike along the Atlantic coast, are affiliated to the International Seamen's Union.

The significance of the seating of the delegates lies in the fact that the reactionary officials of both unions have been urging the AFL to look upon both groups as "outlaw." Membership meetings of the MFWO and the EGSA along the Atlantic and Gulf ports in recent weeks ousted the old-line leadership, which has been aiding the shippers in attempting to break the strike.

agreement for the past two years. THIS CLAUSE WAS HANDED DOWN BY THE NATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S BOARD. "There shall be no strikes, lock-outs or stoppage of work during the period of the agreement, provided employers and employees adhere to the provisions of the agreement and provide further that no employee shall be required to work under conditions inimical to their personal health and safety."

LET THE SHIPOWNERS TRY AND BUCK THIS ONE IF THEY ARE SINCERE IN THEIR DESIRES FOR PEACE. Article 14 is definitely an anti-Maritime Federation clause. Any observant rank and file can hardly fail to note this: "We are not to interfere with any work outside the scope of our agreement." IF THEY CHOOSE TO USE SCAB LONGSHOREMEN, SCAB MACHINISTS, OR SCAB SCALERS, WE ARE "NOT TO INTERFERE." Somebody raises the question: "What kind of union men are we if we work with scabs?" The logical reply is then why bother with an agreement?

Port Committee

Article 18 is the Port Committee. The one in this proposal was certainly not conceived by the shipowners with the sincere idea in mind of settling disputes. In its present form, it would only create more discord between employer and employee. A fellow would have to wait anywhere from a month to a year for a decision. Also this idea of a Federal Judge is absolutely out. In my opinion, if there is to be a third party let it be someone we can put pressure upon. A Federal Judge has a lifetime job and has nothing to fear from mass pressure. It would be far better to have the Department of Labor act as the arbiter if necessary. Here, we are supposed to have a pro-labor administration, we can put pressure on them. Somebody illogically arises to claim: "This will bring the government into our hiring hall."

And pray tell, who is a Federal Judge? I am sure and so are you all, that if a Federal Judge has any sympathy—IT IS NOT WITH LABOR.

Also we would put a definite time limit upon the Port Committee in which to render any decisions.

In conclusion I would just like to add this—that if we are supposed to have the clarifications of working rules in the agreement that was handed down by the Labor Relations Board, then I say PUT IN IN WRITING.

This proposal has many other pretty weak spots—but these are the ones that really need to be changed in my opinion.

Fraternally,

A. QUITTENTON, No. 53, Sailors' Union of the Pacific, Asst. Sec.

Pedro Merchants Rap Shipowners

SAN PEDRO—Placing all responsibility for the maritime strike directly upon the shipowners, independent merchants and professional men of the Los Angeles harbor district today told this reporter that the demands of seamen and longshoremen are absolutely just.

"The workers are entitled to fight for the things they need, and they must fight for these things through their unions," is the honest opinion of a man who has been in business in San Pedro for over 11 years.

"Before the 1934 strike, I saw hundreds of men fighting with each other, buying boxes of cigars to give to the boss, and paying part of their wages as bribes, so that they might get jobs on the docks or in ships. Since then it has been different. The workers have operated their hiring halls efficiently; there has been no necessity for bribing the boss or cutting each other's throat for a job. There has been no discrimination by the boss, simply because the Union's system of hiring permits no discrimination."

"I am in favor of the men having control of the hiring halls, and I am of the opinion that if they go back to the dog-eat-dog system which prevailed on the waterfront previous to 1934, the entire harbor district will be lost by it," he said. "The only persons who can possibly gain are the shipowners. It is purely selfish on their part, regardless of the full-page advertisements they are placing in the newspapers, in which they distort the facts and exclaim that they are worried about the public."

"The shipowners are not worrying about the public! Neither are they worrying about their employees, the men who operate their ships and who handle their cargoes. They don't care what happens to the public, so long as they can chisel subsidies from the government and squeeze their employees out of a few dollars."

Conditions Indescribable

"I've been aboard ships that come into San Pedro, and I think I can describe conditions I saw. The living quarters were filthy! The seamen were cooped up like animals! The food was terrible! Why?

"Because the shipowners are greedy. They'll do anything in the world to make a dollar—they'll even let their employees suffer, if it will mean more profits for themselves! I tell you, they are too greedy for their own good. They're cutting their throats, and I hope they lose the strike!"

That man's statements were voluntary and can be corroborated. He is well known in San Pedro, and is highly respected. According to him, his opinions are shared by practically every other independent business and professional man in the harbor district. Since his views were given, other local merchants have said precisely the same.

One for All

For such reasons the machinists have affiliated with the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, and as a part of same are on strike to establish satisfactory conditions for every member of the Federation and every worker in the Marine Industry.

The Machinists' Union resent the reference of the committee for the shipowners, who contend that we are a foreign issue. They seek to mislead the public and create a false impression that our association constitutes an obstacle to the peaceful settlement of the strike.

The Machinists' Union invites the public to judge our demands in this controversy, and an inspection of our record for fair dealing in the past.

Shaw Chimes In With Scabby Tune

LOS ANGELES—In response to an "urgent" telephone call from Secretary of Labor Perkins, the San Pedro joint central committee voted to unload the cargo of cocoa beans from the McCormick freighter West Ivis, Friday, January 8.

Reason for Miss Perkins' request was that the cocoa beans were needed for hospital purposes by the Army and Navy Veterans' administration.

Shaw Joins

Meanwhile, following in line with the infamous tactics of San Francisco's Mayor Rossi, Los Angeles Mayor Frank L. Shaw issued a statement on behalf of mayors of coastal cities that will call upon President Roosevelt for intervention in the strike.

"Unless the strike is submitted to impartial arbitration boards within the next few days," Shaw declared, "I feel that we will be justified in requesting intervention by the President of the United States."

"The coastwise and interstate character of the problem removes it from the jurisdiction of any mayor or governor, and makes it a matter with which only the Federal Government can deal effectively," he added.

L.A. Strikers Are Irate at Rossi

LOS ANGELES—Because the cargo might be totally lost if not taken off the ship, maritime strikers in San Pedro Wednesday, January 6, voted to unload the Mexican Mail Line steamer Sinaloa, wrecked on the rocks off Terminal Island.

Strikers indignantly protested the attempts to prejudice the public mind against the strikers made by Governor Frank F. Merriam and Mayor Rossi of San Francisco.

Hit Rossi Speech

Because of his anti-labor radio ally, Rossi was characterized by Volney Mathison, joint strike committee spokesman, as "part and parcel of a reactionary element."

Governor Merriam's obvious attempt to break the strike by appealing to the President for intervention was termed by Elmer Bruce as "an unfair attempt to aid the shipowners."

NO SUPPORT TO ROSSI, SAYS MATES' UNION

"Withdraw Support We May Have Given Him Previously"

SAN FRANCISCO—The Masters, Mates and Pilots Union have not only blasted Mayor Rossi for his strikebreaking radio talk, but have gone farther and announce they will withdraw any support they may have given him in the past. The resolution passed by this union states:

WHEREAS: Mayor Angelo J. Rossi was elected to office through the efforts of San Francisco Labor, and

WHEREAS: Mayor Angelo J. Rossi on the evening of Jan. 5th made a nation-wide broadcast in which he directed a tirade of abuse against the Maritime Unions now on strike for living wages and better working conditions and

WHEREAS: He falsely attacked the democratically-elected leaders of the Maritime Unions in whom the workers have the fullest confidence, and

WHEREAS: This constitutes a direct affront to all organized Labor. Now therefore, be it

No Support

RESOLVED: That we withdraw any support we may have previously given Mayor Angelo J. Rossi and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be referred to the San Francisco Labor Council, the Executive Committee of the State Federation of Labor, and to District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast for adoption, and be it still further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to Mayor Rossi, Governor Merriam, and all members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, to the public press, to the Voice of the Federation, and to be given the widest possible circulation.

Pressure Forced Relief to Pickets

LOS ANGELES—Further proof that it takes mass pressure from the workers to make public officials budge even a little is seen in the announcement from State Relief Administrator Harold Pomeroy, that single strikers in the maritime strike will receive relief.

Reporting Friday, January 8, that the State Unemployment Relief Commission will start immediately to feed waterfront strikers in order "to prevent suffering," Pomeroy couldn't of course admit that the militant protest coming from the strikers and Workers' Alliance in the past few weeks, was the cause for his sudden feeling for the workers.

Keep Him On Spot

Now that the announcement of change of policy has been made, the next thing will be to see if the strikers really get it. They've got to be "needy" and there's no telling just what the Commission's idea of "needy" is.

It may well decide that, in order to continue its policy of discrimination against the strikers, that no striker can be "needy." So—don't stop the letters of protest to the State Relief Administration until the strikers are actually receiving aid.

Sonoma Vigilantes Threaten Action in Maritime Strike

SANTA ROSA—The same elements who led the notorious tarring and feathering of workers here are now talking of organizing a march on San Francisco to release grain from strikebound ships.

Waterfront Section Needs Car For Work

SAN FRANCISCO—With the present maritime strike reaching a sharpening scale of struggle, the Waterfront Sub-Section Bureau of the Party is urgently in need of a car for transportation. Will any comrade or sympathizer who can place one at the disposal of the Waterfront Bureau for the duration of the strike, please contact County Organizer Frank Spector, at 121 Haight Street, or phone HEmlack 9467.

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Halt U.S. Aid to Hitlerism!

WHO BENEFITS most by the action of Congress barring shipment of munitions to the legal and friendly government of Spain. None other than Hitler, Mussolini and Franco, who are pushing their bloody invasion of Spain! Who suffers most? The forces of democracy and liberty in Spain, who are fighting against international fascist aggression, who are in the front-line trenches of the world forces of democracy fighting the chief instigators of war!

Does this action by Congress help carry out a real neutrality policy? Does it tend to lessen the danger of war? Quite the contrary is true! This embargo against the Spanish Republic is not neutrality; it places the American government on the side of Hitler! There has been no embargo on shipments of oil, munitions, scrap iron or other war materials to either Germany, Italy or Portugal, but these are "neutral" countries, whose tens of thousands of soldiers are on Spanish soil murdering Spanish defenders of democracy!

The United States Congress, by this one act alone, has increased the danger of world war! This action is in accordance with the will of all those reactionary, war-mongering interests whose candidate, Landon, was decisively defeated last election!

Congress and the administration must be stopped from giving encouragement to the fascists! The government must be stopped from playing into the hands of the war mongers, against the interests of the peace-loving American people!

We call upon all organizations which adhere to the principle of democracy, all groups which love peace, all foes of barbaric fascism, to unite to force the rescinding of this embargo against the Spanish Republic! "Mundo Obrero," organ of the Communist Party of Spain, part of the People's Front Government, declares:

"These are the days when the Spanish people have their eyes fixed across the Atlantic, as the Americans fixed their eyes in the opposite direction over the same ocean 150 years ago, when America was fighting for its life."

Demonstrations and picket lines should be held in front of the German and Italian consulates, to bring to the attention of the American people the ruthless invasion of Spain by the fascists. Hitler's bloody hands must be wrenched loose from the throat of the Spanish people!

Letters and resolutions should be sent to Congressman Schneider of Wisconsin, leader of the progressive bloc of Congressmen, urging that a strong stand be taken against this criminal embargo, and for the right to ship arms to a friendly and democratic government fighting fascism. Representative John Bernard, Minnesota Farmer-Labor Congressman, should be sent congratulations for his courageous stand against the embargo, urging him to rally his fellow-progressives for a decisive stand on this vital matter.

Telegrams of protest should be rushed to President Roosevelt by every progressive organization, protesting the embargo, reminding him that he received a people's mandate for peace last November 3rd.

We applaud the action of Congressman Haverner of San Francisco, who has joined the progressive bloc, and urge his constituents to wire and write him, urging him to push the struggle for peace, and against fascist aggression.

The embargo placed by Congress against Spain is a slap in the face of the American people, who are an anti-fascist, peace-loving people.

L.A. Labor on the Move

WE GREET the action taken by the Painters' District Council of Los Angeles, under whose auspices a conference was held, attended by many trade unions and other progressive organizations, which endorsed proposals to inaugurate an independent municipal election campaign.

Following similar action taken by the Alameda Central Labor Council recently, this reflects the growing realization, by organized labor of California, that independent political action is necessary in order to defeat reaction and maintain a decent standard of living.

Mr. Van Winkle, president of the Carpenters' District Council, anticipated the necessary cooperation of labor in Los Angeles with similar movements throughout the country when he called attention to the leadership given by the movement for independent political action in the middle west.

There is no city in California which needs such a movement more than Los Angeles, formerly advertised as the "white spot" of America, where labor is cheap and non-union; a city made notorious by its "red squad" rule.

Defeat Compulsory Arbitration

HOW MANY of the 15,387 people in the 27th Assembly District who elected Jefferson E. Peyser on November 3rd approve of the bill Mr. Peyser introduced, intended to outlaw the strike as a weapon of organized labor? Not very many, we venture to predict.

Yet Mr. Peyser, elected to represent the interests of his constituents, commits a criminal breach of his trust as his first official act in the new legislature.

Mr. Peyser's measure would set up a permanent, full-time mediation board with authority to intervene in labor controversies. "That is as far as we ought to go now," Mr. Peyser declares. It would be wrong, Mr. Peyser piously and hypocritically says, to pass a law actually prohibiting the strike.

But this is exactly what Mr. Peyser's measure amounts to, and Mr. Peyser is as well aware of it as we are. For, while such a board as is proposed wouldn't prohibit strikes in so many words, the net effect would be the same. Any strike maintained in the face of the adverse decision by such a compulsory arbitration board, would be declared an illegal strike, and all the agencies of the State used to break it, no matter how just the workers' demands!

This measure, the most popular of the anti-strike bills being prepared by the reactionaries, must be defeated!

Mr. Peyser's constituents should act. They had no choice at the polls except to vote for Mr. Peyser, who ran unopposed, as a "hybrid" candidate—his name appearing as a Republican, a Democrat and a "Progressive." But now they should communicate with Mr. Peyser, and inform him sharply that he was sent to Sacramento to represent the people, not the reactionary, open-shop employers.

Leninism Leads to Victory of People

ON JANUARY 21st, thirteen years will have elapsed since the death of Lenin, under whose guiding genius the workers and small farmers of Russia threw off the yoke of imperialist war and capitalist oppression and established the world's first working class government. It was Lenin's leadership that made it possible to lay the foundations for the future mighty Soviet Republic.

Lenin's death was a crushing loss to the workers not alone of the Soviet Union, but to the oppressed and exploited of the entire world. But only the physical body of Lenin was laid to rest in his tomb.

The torch of Leninism has been brilliantly carried forward by Stalin, beloved comrade and co-worker of Lenin, by the entire Communist Party, which is animated by the principles of Leninism.

Today—when the world is threatened daily with the outburst of another world war, instigated by the Fascist marauders, the light of Leninism illuminates the struggle for peace, against Fascism!

Today—when the reactionary forces of America are exerting every known artifice and device to foist their Fascist program of company-unionism and oppressive legislation onto the American people, the path of Leninism leads to the victory of the people against reactionary aggression, to a free, prosperous and happy America!

All workers, all middle class and professional people who suffer under the capitalist system, should attend the Lenin Memorial meetings being held in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and San Diego, and learn what Leninism means to the American people.

They Learned International Solidarity From Lenin



SOVIET FACTORY workers at a mass meeting to aid Spain

Lenin First Showed Need For System in Party Work

By A. B.

Lenin's anniversary occurs this month. On January 21, the people of all lands and nations will commemorate the thirteenth anniversary of Lenin's death. They will fittingly commemorate the death of the great teacher and leader they ever had and they will rededicate themselves to the historic struggle for the realization of his teachings—the liberation of humanity from oppression, injustice, reaction and war.

Thirteen years since Lenin ceased to breathe. Thirteen fateful years. Years that have seen the victory of socialism in the Soviet Union and its growth into a mighty power for peace and progress. Years that have also seen the coming to power of bloody fascism in Germany, Hitlerism, the enemy of mankind. Years in which the guiding genius of Leninism, and of the Communist International which Lenin founded, has helped the working class and all oppressed to find the road to the united and People's Front. Years in which Lenin's closest collaborator and most loyal pupil—Stalin—has grown into the beloved leader of the world revolutionary movement and of the exploited and persecuted of all capitalist and imperialist countries.

A long stretch of time full of fateful events. Yet Lenin's memory shines brighter and brighter with every year that passes. The greatness and correctness of his teachings, which Stalin has done so much to further develop, are magnified and confirmed with every new turn in the development of the world and in the struggles of progressive and forward looking humanity.

Value of Leninism
 Study Leninism and recruit members into the Communist Party. Without a Communist Party there is no Leninism; without Leninism there can be no Communist Party.

Lenin's teachings have profound meaning and conquering force when used as a guide to action by a party of the working class fighting for socialism. And a party of the working class will not be truly such, and will not be fighting effectively for socialism, unless it is guided by the teachings of Lenin.

Recruit members into the Party and study Leninism.

Lenin's teachings embrace all phases of social life. Yet the heart of them all is the teaching of the role of the Communist Party. Because without a Communist Party Lenin's teachings cannot be realized.

The last plenum of the Communist Party Central Committee dealt with several important questions of Party building: recruiting, Party press, leadership, the work of Party units and sections, the mobilization of the Party for its mass campaign—for the struggle against reaction and war.

Comrade Browder and Foster, in dealing with these questions at the plenum, proceeded from Lenin's teachings of the Party's role and applied these teachings to our present conditions and tasks. This is what Lenin and Stalin taught us to do. Master your theory. Study the peculiar and specific conditions of your work. Then apply your theory to these specific and peculiar conditions.

Need of Systemized Work
 The concrete and specific problem facing us is how faster to increase our forces to meet the growing tasks and how better to organize our forces for the carrying out of our mass campaigns.

Following Lenin's principles, we must center our attention at once on the work of the Party units. A Communist Party is not merely a conglomeration of individuals holding the same views. The Party is a highly integrated organism, made up of organizations on the basis of democratic centralism, with each member being part of a basic organization—the unit—the foundation of the Party.

Party building therefore begins with the building and strengthening of the Party units

—the shop nucleus, the street nucleus, the industrial unit, the branch. On these we must focus our attention today.

Certain wrong ideas will have to be overcome. Comrade Browder has shown in his report how it should be done. One of these ideas is that the spreading out of the Party's activities to the broad field of class struggle and of the People's Front movement "inevitably" necessitates a slackening of the activities of the Party units and a blurring, if not hiding, of the Party's face and of its independent line.

From this wrong and opportunistic premise, there appears to be a tendency to draw certain harmful practical conclusions. One is the old sectarian inclination to retire into ourselves and to revert to the mere abstract preaching of Communism. The other, in apparent contradiction to the first, tends to conclude that the present job is to build the mass movements and mass struggles and only when this has been accomplished will it be time to bring forth the Party's face and to build the Party.

How Work Must Be Done
 Both these conclusions flow from the same opportunistic premise that mass work and Party building cannot be done at the same time; that united front mass struggles are incompatible with the simultaneous winning of the masses for the Party's independent line and for Communism.

It is a premise which has nothing in common with Leninism and with the historic decisions of the Seventh World Congress, explained and interpreted by Comrade Dimitroff. And despite the apparent contradiction between the two (one says "Party first" while the other claims: "mass work first"), both lead to the same result—the weakening of the Communist Party as the revolutionary vanguard of the American proletariat.

We naturally reject both these conclusions. And the Central Committee Plenum unanimously adopted Comrade Browder's report which maintains:

First, that without a strong Communist Party, active in the mass movements, fighting for the united and People's Front and carrying on simultaneous independent actions in the interest of the masses, there can be no real advance and revolutionization of the American working class and its allies.

Second, that without the Party units participating actively, and as such, in the Party's mass campaigns, with mass organiza-

tions and independently, the Party cannot build itself into a strong mass Party capable of leading the struggle for the socialist revolution and socialism.

Two Points at Hand

Since the Ninth Party Convention, we have established ties of understanding and sympathy with hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of toilers. We have achieved this because we have proven our value and indispensability in the building of the unions and in the economic struggles of the workers, in the struggle against reaction and for democracy and progress, in the building of the Farmer-Labor Party, in the struggle for peace, for the interests of the toiling farmers, unemployed, Negro people, youth and women. Our mass policies and activities, notably in the election campaign, have convinced wide masses that the Communist Party is needed, that "it belongs." But we have not been as successful in convincing these mass masses (or considerable portions of them) that it is they who belong to the Communist Party.

And why is that so? Because the masses have not seen to the same degree the value, role and importance of the Communist Party units to which one must belong if one belongs to the Party. Because the masses have not seen to the same degree the independent activities of the Party units which would make it convincingly necessary for a Communist sympathizer actually to join the Party (the unit). Because, finally, the masses have not seen to the same degree the revolutionary and Communist face of the Party units which it is necessary for them to see in order to become convinced that the Party's value in their struggle for immediate economic and political demands flows precisely from the fact that it is a revolutionary, a Leninist, party.

Proceeding from the teachings of our immortal leader, Lenin, we will most successfully realize the decisions of our Party's plenum by clearly realizing that:

1. To mobilize the Party for its mass campaigns means to mobilize the Party units—for united front and independent mass activities. It means building the basic units as true centers of Communist Party leadership among the masses.

2. In all the daily struggles of the masses for better conditions, to keep clearly before them the Party's revolutionary face and independent political line.

Forward to the realization of the Plenum's decisions.

Push Given Child Labor Amendment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — After almost 14 years, the child labor amendment to the U.S. Constitution was given a boost to ratification by the necessary 36 states, here last week when President Roosevelt urged governors and governors-elect of 19 states to take favorable action.

Roosevelt's action was the result of strong pressure from organized labor.

Budget Means WPA Layoffs
 Expressing "sharp disappointment" over Roosevelt's figure of only \$650,000,000 for WPA, given in the President's budget speech to Congress last week, national leaders of the Workers' Alliance declared the figure would mean another wave of layoffs, sweeping WPA jobs down to 575,000 fewer than last October 31.

The Alliance seeks employment for 2,300,000 during the rest of this fiscal year, a \$40 minimum wage throughout the country, and a 20 percent wage increase over all currently existing WPA wage scales.

The figure given was \$1,250,000, but the Alliance stated that "if, as the President's budget message seems to indicate, no new funds are needed until February," it would ask \$1,040,000,000 for five months to July 1.

Ariz. Bishop Hits Fascists in Church

PHOENIX.—In a scathing denunciation of Bishop Walter Mitchell of Phoenix for "fostering Fascism in Arizona," the Rev. Ernest Tutthill, rector of Grace Episcopal church, announced tonight his resignation effective July 1.

Immediate cause of the split in Episcopalian ranks was said to be the imminent consecration by the Phoenix bishop of a new and rival Episcopal church in Tucson under the Rev. George W. Ferguson, recent arrival in Tucson from New York.

Foe of Fascism
 The Rev. Tutthill declared that his "leadership to guarantee academic freedom in higher education in Arizona" caused him to be "hated by the 'best people' who insist on helping to build a Fascist state."

"There are two forces in conflict in the Episcopal church and all other churches—each working to gain control of the church. The first is the democratic religion of Jesus Christ; the second is Fascism."

"This is not theory, it is a fact. In my opinion, Bishop Mitchell is giving every possible aid and comfort to the forces that are working for the creation of Fascism."

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
 California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

Red-Baiting in the Unions

The small group of discredited reactionaries in the maritime unions, who have been laying low in wait for more favorable opportunities, are raising their heads once more and carrying on a campaign against the Communists in the unions.

They are encouraged by the barrage of propaganda carried on by T. G. Plant, Scharrenberg, Green, Ryan and the Trotskyites against the strike leadership, so they dare go further in red-baiting than they have dared in a long time. And they are taking advantage of the attack made by a few officials of the Sailors Union (not the majority of the rank-and-file) on the policies of the strike leadership headed by Harry Bridges, to revive the old Scharrenberg slogan "Clean Out the Reds," counting on the support of some misled rank-and-file members. It is not an accident that charges against union members who are also "accused" of being Communists have been filed in various ports on the Pacific Coast, almost simultaneously.

Fortunately for the unions, the rank-and-file have not lost their memories; they have not forgotten that red-baiting is a shipowner's weapon, and they still remember Scharrenberg; they also know the pioneer role that the Communist Party and the Western Worker had in building the maritime unions, in the 1934 strike, and since. But such red-baiting strengthens the hand of the shipowners in the strike, and any rank-and-filers, or so-called rank-and-filers, who lend their hand to an attack on Communists and other militants in the unions, are playing a dangerous game.

No honest worker will willingly give aid and comfort to the enemy by helping to create a split in the ranks of the workers; that would be falling right in with the employers' strategy, which has always been to set off the seamen against the longshoremen, and the longshoremen against the seamen, and to raise the "red scare". This strategy has been defeated in the past again and again, and there is no doubt that the rank-and-file of the unions will not allow it to succeed now.

Balance the Budget

Only six weeks are left to the conclusion of the financial drive for the Western Worker, Daily and Sunday Worker, with only 25% of the \$12,000,000 quota raised thus far. This total sum has been arrived at by estimating the absolute minimum needs of the Western Worker for the year 1937, plus the California quota for the Daily Worker drive. Failure to fulfill the entire quota will seriously endanger the regular appearance of the Western Worker through the year, and make impossible any improvements that are planned for the spring when the big circulation drive gets under way.

At this time of the drive last year, nearly twice as much had already been raised; the success of the drive last year made possible our expansion to an eight-page paper with improved equipment which resulted in improved appearance and contents. But our failure to fulfill the circulation drive quota upset our budget calculations, because we did not get the increased income from the expected increase in circulation. The result: a heavy drain on our resources and an increased monthly deficit.

The only way the Western Worker budget can be balanced is by the successful completion of the financial drive followed up by a substantial increase in circulation in the spring, when the circulation drive will start.

Every Party member, every reader of the Western Worker must undertake individual responsibility for the success of the drive, with the slogan: Balance the Budget! Over the top with the Western Worker Drive!

LA LABOR HAND FAMED ARTISTS OF SOLIDARITY FIGHT FOR SPAIN

Financial Aid; Are Preparing Feb. 7th Mass Meet

Picasso, Casals Work Behind the Lines

LOS ANGELES. — To help raise finances that are urgently needed by the striking maritime unions, a special committee of five is to be appointed by the Central Labor Council to immediately contact executive boards and local unions in an effort to raise funds.

Mayor Rossi's national broadcast last week was condemned by Harry Russell, member of the Publicity Committee of the Maritime Unions, in an address before the Council. Russell declared Rossi's broadcast an "open incitement to vigilante action."

Russell requested the Council to elect a Committee to assist in the arrangements for the public mass meeting to be held here February 7 at the Olympic Auditorium by the striking maritime unions. Mayor John F. Dore of Seattle, Ex-Congressman Vito Marcantonio and Harry Bridges are to be the principal speakers, Russell reported.

Oil Workers Show Accident Increase

MARTINEZ—Oil Workers No. 5, at a recent meeting authorized their secretary to write the assemblyman and senator of this district to use their influence to increase the budget for the Industrial Accident Commission, so that they might put to work thirty-five additional civil service safety inspectors, as safety is better than compensation.

There are and have been too many injuries and deaths in the state of California, and they are on the increase as indicated by the following figures:

Fatal Non-Fatal Total
 In 1935 551 262,404 262,955
 In 1936 565 300,000 300,565

Have to Go Pretty Far to Get Scabs

NEW ORLEANS.—The Lykes Bros. Steamship Co. has advertised for strikebreakers in Nashville, Memphis, Birmingham, St. Louis, Chattanooga and Atlanta.

NEW YORK CITY. — Pablo Casals, world's greatest cellist, and Pablo Picasso, world-famous painter, have enlisted in Spanish government work behind the front lines to bolster militia defenses against the Fascist troops, it was revealed here by Ernestina Gonzalez, widow of Leo Fleischman, first American killed in the Spanish civil war.

A Pablo Casals Column of troops is battling Franco on the Madrid Front.

Casals, who has played to packed concerts throughout America, is at present in Barcelona helping in committee work to mobilize aid for the front-line fighters, and has given a number of concerts for benefit of the government.

Saves Art from Fascists
 Picasso, for years leader of the cubist school of painting, has been appointed curator of the Pardo Museum, one of the world's finest art institutions, and has been delegated to head the work of rescuing art treasures from Fascist guns and bombs.

Madrid owes much to the Communist Party for organizing the city against the Fascists during its most critical periods, said Ernestina Gonzalez.

Leaders of the Party have suffered much because of their role in the war. All relatives of Jose Diaz, secretary of the Party, have been executed by the Fascists. His six-year-old daughter and two sisters were executed in Seville.

Elected New Heads of West Coast Mates

SAN FRANCISCO.—Masters, Mates and Pilots Union Local 90 have elected Charles Mays president and Oscar F. Rohlstad secretary. Mays defeated George Charlot, incumbent, and Rohlstad defeated E. B. O'Grady, who also ran for re-election.

Mays and Rohlstad have followed an anti-progressive line. Charlot and O'Grady remain on the union's negotiating committee. O'Grady as chairman.

W. P. MacKenzie was elected first vice-president and John Lind second vice-president.

New AAU Regime Offers Promise of Real Labor Sports

IN MATTERS of sport and of interest in sport, the American people bow to those of no other country. Few indeed are the Americans, particularly young Americans, who do not have at least some game which they follow as spectators or readers of the sports pages.

Comparatively few are those who do not actively participate in at least one competitive or individual sport. In the matter of participation, however, America is lagging. If it compares favorably with many other nations (though probably not with the Soviet Union), this is no measure to gauge by. By no means does it come up to possibilities.

This is one of the reasons why: The latest development in the Amateur Athletic Union is of greatest importance. It is of particular importance to American labor, especially to organized labor.

The A.A.U. is a national union of Amateur Athletic clubs. It is the American affiliate to the International Olympic Committee. Until its last convention, held recently in Texas, it was dominated and run by Avery Brundage, Kirby, Sherrill and a few more of their cronies. For years the A.A.U. developed top notches: a few, often pampered, athletes. It paid little attention to the millions of American sports-minded youth.

Fight Over Participation In Nazified Olympics

Last year an internal fight developed out of the question of whether, or not the U.S. should participate in the Olympics held in Nazi Germany. Brundage, who has only praise for the Nazis, insisted upon participation.

He took a trip to Germany to investigate persecution and came back with the opinion that there was none, that everything was fair and square to every athlete; this despite the universally established facts of bestial persecution, despite the most recent reports of the American columnist, Westbrook Pegler, telling of persecution and discrimination.

Even now, after the Olympics were terminated and the Nazis' shameful conduct was printed in every newspaper (Jesse Owens snubbed by Hitler. After Owens has won the 200 meter dash, Nazi newspapers headline read: "Long, First White Man to Finish." Long is the German sprint champ who finished second to Owens). Brundage still had the gall to praise the way the games were conducted.

The forces against participation in German Olympics were led by Jeremiah T. Mahoney. When Mahoney lost the issue of Olympic participation at an A.A.U. convention in 1935, he also refused to be candidate for election that year, so as not to serve or support Hitler sports.

Later Ernest Lee Jhancke, American delegate-at-large to the International Olympics Committee, was dropped from that body for his opposition to the Nazis.

Definite Plans for Real Sports Movement

At the recent convention of the AAU Mahoney was elected president over Pat Walsh, the Brundage candidate, and immediately served notice that he would institute a series of progressive reforms. He said in part:

"More encouragement to the average athlete... more voice in actual conduct of affairs."

"Prevent exploitation of athletes for personal gain or commercial purposes."

"Invite organized labor, industrial concerns, fraternal organizations, as well as church and social groups to join directly with the AAU in promoting large-scale participation in athletics."

"Giving the youth of America greater reason to emulate the deeds of athletic heroes than to find attraction in the exploits of gunmen and gang leaders."

"Weed out the influence of so-called 'paper' or inactive clubs within the AAU... and extend substantial help to newly organized groups in sparsely populated sections."

To show his meant business his first official act was to reappoint Jhancke to the International Olympics Committee.

It can easily be seen now how these developments affect organized and unorganized labor, and all strata of youth. With the extension of internal democracy there are all possibilities for the forces of organized labor taking a leading position in athletics. If labor energetically participates, we may entertain every hope for a progressive, pro-labor policy in the AAU.

It must be expected that politicians within the AAU will vigorously fight such a tendency, but with the extension of inner democracy labor can play its rightfully important role in the organization throughout the country.

Approached Daily Worker With the Plan

Mahoney and his aide, Mr. Crenstein, were interviewed by Mike Kantor, a Daily Worker sports reporter. They told of plans for a labor track and field meet for this summer.

It is important that Crenstein invited the "Daily" to send representatives to the committee arranging this meet. From this we can entertain hopes for a slowing up of rad-baiting in the AAU.

Further, this interview at least indicates a determination of Mahoney to institute those sweeping changes he spoke of, to make our sports movement much more than a silk-stocking, professionalized affair, to make it a real people's mass movement. From a policy such as the one Mahoney promises there is every reason to expect pressure in the field of sports against fascist aggressors—German, Italian, and Japanese.

The importance of these developments has been emphasized by Comrade Clarence A. Hathaway, editor of the Daily and Sunday Worker and member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, who took over Ted Benson's daily sports column in a recent issue of the Daily.

Should Be Met More Than Half Way

Comrade Hathaway had this to say:

"I don't know Mr. Mahoney. He may be associated with Tammany. He may be guilty of other sins. But he opposed Hitlerism in sports. He fought and defeated Sherrill and Brundage. And now he proposes a program for the progressive transformation of the Amateur Athletic Union, including the drawing of labor unions into sports, and direct aid by the sports movement in the fight for democracy."

"It seems to me that such a program deserves support."

"Trade unions, fraternal groups, social clubs and youth bodies—including the YCL—should meet him more than half way. They should enter and cooperate with the AAU. They should aid in transforming the AAU into a progressive, democratic sports movement, millions strong."

Let It Be Only A Beginning

Already there is the beginnings of a labor sports movement in the maritime unions. Let it be only a beginning. To the credit of the Young Communist League, let it be said that its members first started the ball rolling.

But let us cease to think in terms of this small beginning in the progressive unions, the vanguard. Let every union member who pays his money to watch a game of one sort or another become an active player, representing his own union, flaunting his union's insignia on his uniform.

The program pledged by Mahoney must indeed be met more than half way. The trade unions, and all progressive organizations, political or social, have an opportunity to make of the sports movement in America a real people's movement, influencing recreation for millions instead of one-day glory for a few athletes and social prestige for a few officials, combatting, instead of aiding the world and local forces of Fascism.

Student Group Hits At Militarization of American youth

NEW YORK—Meeting here in its annual session the National Student Federation of America took unprecedented liberal action in condemning compulsory ROTC, asking that the CCC corps be removed from the jurisdiction of the War Department, and approving "in principle" the American Youth Act.

The NSFA ordinarily takes no cognizance of "off-campus" matters. It is a consultative body made up of the student governments of most American colleges and universities.

Symposium at L.A. Conference on Cal. Youth Act

LOS ANGELES—A symposium featuring speakers of widely divergent points of view, all considering the problem of a California Youth Act, occupied the attention of delegates to the Southern California Assembly of Youth last Saturday evening here at the First Unitarian Church.

Speakers included Judge Ben B. Lindsay, James Burford, speaker for the Promotional Committee for a Youth Political Federation; Percy Williams, for the National Negro Congress; Carl Eardley, for the Young Democrats; Jack Eggen, for the San Pedro Joint Strike Committee; Jack Olsen, for the Young Communist League, and Lew Scott, for the Young People's Socialist League.

53 Organizations in L. A. Conference For Cal. Youth Act

LOS ANGELES—Representatives of 55 Southern California youth people drafted their proposals for a California Youth Act here Jan. 9 and 10. Fifty-three organizations representing this total membership sent 123 accredited delegates, aside from a number of observers from still other organizations.

The Youth Assembly provided for continuing its work of presenting the problems and demands of young people to the California State legislature, in conjunction with the elected representatives of a similar conference for Northern California held in San Francisco.

Twenty-five active youth leaders, representative of trade union, religious, recreational, social and political organizations, were elected to the executive committee.

Unions Represented

Among organizations represented were the Carpenters' district council, Epworth League, International Longshoremen's Association, Sailors' Union of the Pacific, International Fur Workers' Union, American Federation of Teachers and Millmen and Cabinet Makers.

Leading individuals included Dehart of the Carpenters, Mort Newman of the Epworth League, Loren Miller, noted Negro attorney and writer, Joe Moody, past president of Chapman College Student Body; Dr. Caldecott, pastor of First Unitarian Church; Judge Ben B. Lindsey; Bill Schmidt, vice-president of Whittier College student council; Dorothy Handy, representative of the business and industrial girls' group of the YWCA; James Burford, chairman of the promotional committee for a youth political federation; Jack Olsen, county organizer of the Young Communist League; Lew Scott, representing the Young People's Socialist League, and others.

Keynote speech, at which delegates were urged to find a common ground for a joint campaign to secure enactment of legislation providing for the immediate needs of California youth people, was delivered by Clarence H. Vetterli, chairman of the promotional committee which called the assembly together.

Assemblymen Anxious

Telegrams of greetings were read from numerous legislators, anxious at least to seem friendly to action which the assembly might undertake. Among them were L.A. City Councilman Benning, Assemblyman Elmer Lore, Paul Ritchie, John Gee Clerk, Augustus Hawkins, Gilbert and others.

First session heard speeches by Bill Schmidt, Dorothy Handy, who brought out the inadequacy of the Roosevelt National Youth Administration, showing its failure to meet the relief problems of industrial youth and to provide possibilities for continuance of study and for vocational training on the part of thousands of young people now trying to remain in school.

Executive Committee

An executive committee of twenty-five was elected, subject to the later approval of the organizations they represented at the conference. H. Vetterli, Bill Schmidt and Eva Olsen were elected president, vice-president and secretary, respectively. Of the executive committee, its personnel consists of Dehart, Pepper, Jack Eggen, Axelsson, Goldenberg, Charles Newman, Meyer, Schmidt, Rubin, Langensson, James Burford, Eva Olsen, Mitt Snipper, Buchanan, Foster, Beatson, Jack Olsen, Henry Williams, Johnson, Van Low, Clarence H. Vetterli, Rosenzweig and Ellsworth Replogle.

4500 AT 'DAILY' RALLY

NEW YORK—Forty-five hundred crowded St. Nicholas Palace here on January 11 in celebration of the 13th anniversary of the Daily Worker, central organ of the Communist Party.

She's Here, Sent by Spanish Youth



PRETTY 19-YEAR old Josefina Ramirez, member of the Spanish youth delegation touring the U.S. and Canada to plead the cause of democracy against Spanish fascists. She served as a nurse in a Madrid military hospital. Just before coming here she narrowly escaped death when fascist airmen bombed her house.

San Pedro and San Francisco Strikers Schedule Baseball Game January 20; Build Labor Sports Movements Here

SAN FRANCISCO—The biggest steps to date in building a progressive labor sports movement along the Pacific Coast will be taken Sunday, January 20, at Seals Stadium, when the San Pedro Waterfront visits the San Francisco maritime workers, to play the first Inter-Port West Coast Winter League baseball game.

San Pedro, following in the footsteps of the "Frisco waterfront in the development of a Union Recreation Center, boasts one of the best teams on the Coast. Many of their players are top-notchers and have brought the fans to their feet many times during games in the Coast League. Dick Montey, who in one season with the Seals won twenty-six games, will hurl for the "Pedro club."

The "Frisco team will be amply represented by the Union Recreation Center nine, featuring Fred Rizzo, I.L.A. 38-124, on the mound. The club's San Francisco Recreation League standing is: 11 wins, one lost and two ties, placing it among leading contenders for first place in the Inter-City Recreation League.

Basketball

Now that football and baseball is moving into the background, the URC has chosen from its many teams one of the strongest basketball teams in the city. They are now entered in Class B group in an inter-city tournament given by the San Francisco Recreation Department.

The team listed, is the official URC Basketball Team: Gleason, Erkkila, Quentin, R. Jones, Laven, Haas, E. Dougherty, Escobar, Ortiz, Sparz, Pauloff and Sutter.

Department C annual unlimited basketball tournament held at Rosevelt gym on 1st Avenue and Geary Streets.

The Center Team is scheduled to play: Friday, January 15th, 8:20 p. m., URC vs Panthers; Monday, January 18th, 1:20 p. m., URC vs Delta Nu Epsilon; Friday, Jan. 29th, 8:20 p. m., URC vs Blues; Monday, February 1st, 8:20 p. m., URC vs French A. C.

Because of the rain the URC Soccerers have not been able to play the last two Sundays, but they rank up in the upper brackets of the Golden Gate Soccer League.

Jack Cavanaugh, the URC boxing instructor, has arranged a fine boxing team represented by the following list: Lloyd Delucchi, 165 lbs; Geo. Milo, 130 lbs; S. Kamaka, 150 lbs; Jack Lewis, 135 lbs; Joe Lopez, 140 lbs; Bob Stephens, 170 lbs; Stanley Postek, 175 lbs.; Frank Rosa, 118 lbs.; K. O. Lanka, 120 lbs.; Rudy Stone, 147 lbs.; Johansen, 150 lbs.; and I. Joseph, 145 lbs.

The Wednesday night affairs are good entertainment and besides the many rounds of boxing the floor shows are always new and entertaining.

San Pedro High School's gymnasium has been obtained for basketball and some games have been played, mostly inter-union. Even the Federation ladies have a team.

The entertainment committee has held several successful dances and entertainments, getting professional entertainers from local cabarets and from Federal Theater projects. The boxers did their stuff at a smoker in Wilmington Bowl.

San Francisco is not the only city that can show how it's done. JACK EGGEN.

L.A. Building Trades Dance for "Western"

LOS ANGELES—As part of their activities in raising their quota of the \$12,000 Workers' Press Drive, the Building Trades unit No. 2 of the Communist Party will give a combined party and dance.

The time—January 16, 8 p. m.; the place—The Women's Club, Sutherland; the price—twenty cents.

SPANISH YOUTH DELEGATION TO ARRIVE FEB. 12

Meeting with tremendous response wherever they go the youth delegation from Spain is on its way to California. They will arrive February 12 and remain in the South for three days then come to the northern part of the state for an extensive tour.

The following schedule has been arranged:

Wednesday, Feb. 17—Dreamland Auditorium, San Francisco. Thursday, Feb. 18—Stanford University in the afternoon and San Jose at night.

Friday, Feb. 19—University of California in the afternoon and Oakland at night.

Saturday, Feb. 20—Vacaville in the afternoon and Sacramento at night.

Monday, Feb. 22—Monterey. Wednesday, Feb. 24—Los Angeles, Shrine Auditorium.

These meetings are being arranged by the United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy which is working with the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. Many youth leaders especially from the Spanish speaking organizations are working tirelessly to make this tour a success.

Banqueters Walk Out Against Discrimination

As part of the program for the Northern California Assembly of Youth banquet was scheduled at the El Jardin Restaurant, 26 California St., delegates were given two back rooms for the banquet. Approximately 140 attended.

When some of the Negro delegates went to the bar they were refused service because they were Negroes. The chauvinistic bartender and owner refused to back down. When this was made known to the banquet delegates they voted to walk out.

There was unanimous decision and unity in this action. The Youth Assembly was a united body refusing to allow discrimination. Delegates wrote on the bill "no one to be discriminated against for race or color."

Honor Lenin by Aiding Spain

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Young Communist League will celebrate the Lenin, Liebknecht and Luxembourg Memorial with affairs given for the benefit of Spanish Loyalist forces.

The local branches are conducting a drive to raise funds for the purchase of 25 gas masks to send to the Spanish People's Front. Some branches have given "novelty nights" while others have presented Spanish fiestas and dances.

The three Eastside branches, the Jack London, John Reed and Belvedere, have challenged all the other local branches to raise as much money for the Spanish people as they. The Southside branch has scheduled a four-week discussion group on the Spanish situation.

Spanish Delegates' Reception Planned

LOS ANGELES—Preparing for the public meeting to be addressed by the Spanish Youth delegates, the provisional committee to aid the embattled Spanish people in their fight against Fascism has announced a conference to be held here January 25. The place has not yet been announced.

The youth delegates are scheduled to speak in Los Angeles February 12, at which time a mass reception is planned. Later February 24, the delegation will return to address a mass meeting and demonstration in Shrine Auditorium.

The provisional committee making the arrangements is a part of the youth section of the North American Committee to aid the Spanish People.

Screen Actors Join In Boycott of L.A. Unfair Store

LOS ANGELES—Delegate Audrey Blair of the Screen Actors Guild reported to the Central Labor Council that many members of the Guild were closing out their accounts with Bullock's following the action of the Central Labor Council in placing the store on the unfair list.

Many prominent screen stars were refusing to patronize Bullock's, Blair said.

Negro Youth Week To Organize Fight For Equal Rights

By NEWELL JOHNSON

As part of National Negro Youth Week, January 10-17, Negro Youth in Northern California are sponsoring three important events:

First, Negro Youth Sunday, January 17, will have as its main speaker, Miss Mary Hubbard, daughter of Rev. Hubbard, and State President of the California Federation of Colored Girls Clubs, at a special church program to be devoted entirely to Youth at St. Paul's A.M.E. Church, Fairview and California St., Berkeley. Gilbert Hooper, Chairman, Christian Youth Federation of Northern California, will greet the service, and add color will be lent to the devotional by a special Youth choir. Miss Paulene Speese is chairlady of Negro Youth Sunday which will focus attention of churchgoers on Negro Youth.

Second, a speaker Mrs. Bertha Monroe, Professor of Sociology at S.F. State College heads the list of speakers for the student forum to be held at First A.M.E. Church, 15th and West Sts., between 4 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, January 17. Other speakers will include Mr. Harry Kingman, executive secretary, University of California YMCA, who will speak on Negro Youth and the Y.M. and Y.W.C.A.'s, Mrs. Harold D. Sommers and Mr. Harold Mason, Mr. Lehman Posten, vice-chairman of the Youth Committee of the National Negro Congress and University of California student is chairman of the meeting.

Miss Ethel Morgan, chairlady of the social program announced that a "Kiddie Party" will be held at the YMCA, 832 36th St., Oakland, Thursday evening, when the double object of raising funds for the Southern Conference and giving youth a good time. Admission will be 25 cents.

The Negro Youth Week Committee also endorsed the California Youth Assembly held at Jewish Community Center Jan. 9-10, planning that Negro youth cooperate with the regional committees of the assembly.

This is the first time America will witness a week of such militant activity in behalf of the fight of Negro Youth for freedom, equality and opportunity. The week is sponsored nationally by the youth committee of the National Negro Congress.

The week will be followed by the Southern Conference of Negro Youth to be held in Richmond, Va., Feb. 13-14. Such a conference, if successful, will be a milestone in the fight for the rights of Negro youth since it is the first attempt to bring together Negro youth from farms, mines, mills and colleges to work out a plan for fighting lynching, discrimination and the unbelievable poverty existing in the South.

Faricita Hall, President Negro Students Club, U.C., is chairlady of the entire week in Northern California succeeding Miriam McCard, whose excellent work was diminished by illness. Miss Dorothy Gray, chairman of the Youth Committee of the Negro Congress has been an invaluable aid to the work of the entire committee.

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

WHO IS BLOCKING peace in the present maritime controversy? Well, let's see. There is no denying that the employers have made strenuous efforts to "settle" the matter. We'll examine a few of their efforts and try to see why they failed.

The first effort was an application of Mahtama Ghandi's "passive resistance" technique. The employers simply shut down operations and proceeded to starve the workers out. According to their reasoning, this should have worked. It was designed to attack the men through the stomachs of their wives and children.

They calculated that after about two months of being locked out in the cold, the men would be restless, hungry and easily stampeded. With this in mind, a diligent campaign of disruption was launched. Fake leaflets were scattered from hell-to-breakfast all over the waterfront decrying Harry Bridges as a "Red" and calling upon the men to destroy their own unions in a frenzy of "Americanism."

After two or three scatterings of these handbills (none of which bore a union label), Lee Holman, the employers' own choice fink herder, called a mass meeting in the offices of the San Francisco News Letter-Wasp for the purpose of organizing a "new union." He no sooner showed his face to the longshoremen who showed up than they egged and booed him back into his hole.

The employers began to realize that something had gone wrong with their calculations. Holman continued sending his gangs of thugs to roam the waterfront at night and slug stray pickets. Meanwhile, the employers concentrated on another angle.

They decided to rush through an agreement with the Sailors' Union and the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Wipers and Waterfenders, to announce that the "strike was over" and create a general stampede in which the other five unions would be left out on a limb.

This failed when the strikers gathered in a mass meeting at Dreamland Auditorium and voted unanimously that no one union would vote on an agreement until they all negotiated tentative agreements and were ready to vote simultaneously.

In a blaze of rage and exasperation, the employers then published full page advertisements and issued statements declaring that peace had almost been accomplished but that Harry Bridges had stepped in and gummed up the works.

All other efforts to "settle" the strike having failed, they prevailed upon Mayor Rossi to broadcast a speech on a nation-wide hook-up, accusing Harry Bridges of obstructing a "settlement" and calling upon President Roosevelt to intercede on the side of the employers.

To date, this effort has also failed.

There is another means of "settling" strikes which the employers use, which they have not resorted to yet in the present situation. That is by running in scabs and trying to break the strike by violence. They tried that in 1934 and San Francisco labor replied to them with a General Strike. It is to be hoped that the employers have better sense than to try such a thing again.

Omitting this last and very disastrous method, the only other course left open to the employers is to stop stalling and sit down to sincere, practical negotiations with the unions.

If labor history has proven anything, it has proven that employers are never willing to negotiate honestly with unions until they have first exhausted every possible means of breaking the strike. The present situation is no exception.

The general public wants this strike settled. The maritime workers are suffering greater hardship from the situation than anyone else. They too want the strike settled. But neither the public nor the unions want to see this strike BROKEN. That is one thing that Mayor Rossi and the Chamber of Commerce had better get through their heads.

They tried starving the workers. That failed. They tried trickery. That failed. They tried to stampede the general public. That failed. Now they have their choice of a blackjack or a fountain pen. They had better pick up that fountain pen and sign reasonable, sensible agreements with the unions. Because anything else they try is going to fail just as badly.

FRANCO'S MEN FRIENDLY WITH USSR SAILORS

Recognized Pictures Of Lenin, Stalin On Soviet Ship

MOSCOW.—When Spanish Fascists stopped the Soviet tanker Soyuz Vodnikoff, the Fascist seamen fraternized with Soviet seamen, hummed the Internationale and eagerly ate the food proffered them because their own rations were scanty.

This remarkable story was told here by Ivan Lesovikoff, political assistant to the captain of the Soyuz Vodnikoff, who has arrived here on leave.

Feared Anti-Fascist Demonstration

The tanker was halted November 11 near Gibraltar, and taken under guard to Ceuta, Spanish Morocco, where the whole population gathered on the shore to witness the scene until driven away by Fascist officers.

When the Fascist officers ordered Captain Popoff to lower the Red Flag for fear, it might inspire a pro-Soviet and pro-Spanish government demonstration among the population, Captain Popoff replaced it with a silk dress flag bearing the Soviet emblem, hammer and sickle, embroidered in gold.

When the Fascist guard came aboard, said Lesovikoff, they were ill clothed and so hungry they asked the ship's cook for food, which they received.

"Several things made our crew believe that Franco's soldiers were not unfriendly," said Lesovikoff. "They would come into the dining room, point to the pictures of Lenin, Stalin and Voroshilov and name them. They would smile and raise their clenched fists in the revolutionary salute and exclaimed, 'Viva Stalin! Viva Lenin!'"

One morning the commander of the guard came into the kitchen with several soldiers and asked for tea for the soldiers and himself. The cook provided tea, cheese, sausage, butter and bread. The Fascists ate greedily.

Soldiers said "Viva Madrid!" "Sometimes members of the guard would slip into the ship's clubroom and play chess and checkers with the Soviet sailors."

"When on the seventh day the Soviet ship was allowed to proceed to its destination, some of the soldiers shook hands with the Soviet sailors and some murmured, 'Viva la Rusia, viva Madrid!'"

This incident shows conclusively that Franco has forced, under threats of death, many pro-government supporters to serve with his armies and ships.

Mexico Gives Policy On Shipments to Spain Government

MEXICO CITY.—Any U.S. manufactured airplanes intended for the Spanish Popular Front government, which reached Mexico before President Roosevelt signed the new neutrality law, will be given clearance, stated Acting Foreign Secretary Ernesto Hidalgo.

Seven American-made machines were reported ready at Vera Cruz for shipment. American aviators will go with six of the planes to fly them for the Spanish government, it was stated. Mexico-made war materials will continue to be shipped to Spain.

Social Democrats of Iceland Reject Unity Proposal of C. P.

REYKJAVIK, Iceland.—Two thousand members have been added during the last two years by the Social Democratic Party of Iceland, which includes 85 party and trade union groups, with a total membership of 13,000, according to a report at the party's recent convention.

The convention rejected a proposal of the Communist Party for a united front against reaction, and voted to allow its 10 representatives in parliament to continue to support the coalition government.

Report Great Influx of Drouth Victims Into Cal. Agriculture

SACRAMENTO.—The state department of industrial relations reports the possibility that the great influx from the drouth areas of the midwest may drive Mexican and Filipino workers out of the agricultural industry. "Thousands of jobless are coming from the drouth and rural sections of Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Arkansas, Missouri, and Kansas," the report states. The report intimates that big growers expect to use these new workers to knock down wages further.

Trap Nazi Spies In Anti-Fascist Column in Spain

VALENCIA, Spain.—Agents of the Nazi secret police, the Gestapo, have been discovered in the International Column fighting on the Madrid front, and have been weeded out after they aroused suspicion by attempts to sow dissension and undermine discipline among the troops. Other spies were discovered in the last training camp before volunteers are sent to the front, by the counter-espionage squad of the anti-Fascist column. Papers and luggage of the Nazi spies gave positive proof they were acting as German government agents.

SPAIN PREMIER GREETES SOVIETS

Dimitroff Asks Concrete Aid For Spain Government

MOSCOW.—New Year's greetings to the Soviet Union from Premier Francisco Largo Caballero of Spain, were published in Izvestia, organ of the Soviet government, as follows:

"I greet you through Izvestia and wish the Soviet people a happy new year. 'The Spanish working class is forever united with the Russian workers. We will never forget the solidarity of the Soviet workers with us in this difficult time.'"

"The proletariat of Spain will always strive during the war and after the war is over to follow the example of your great country."

Caballero is leader of the Socialist Party of Spain.

Message from Dimitroff Appealing to the working people of the whole world to exert their influence on popular opinion and on governments to obtain assistance for the Spanish government in its struggle against Fascism. George Dimitroff, general secretary of the Communist International, issued the following appeal in Pravda, organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union:

Concrete Action Needed "To speed up and facilitate the victory of the Spanish people, a greater increase of concrete activities on the part of the international proletariat and all democratic forces is needed. 'Platonic passive sympathy with the Spanish people is not real aid. The policy of systematic retreat before the Fascist interventionists, who constantly grow more insolent, only complicates the struggle of the Spanish people and increases the number of victims.'"

"It can be said without exaggeration that there is no loftier duty for the international working class and for all honest elements of humanity, than increasing assistance to the Spanish people to insure their victory."

Urge Seamen Stop Arms for Franco

PARIS.—The International of Seamen and Harbor Workers has issued the following appeal to seamen to act in defense of Spanish democracy:

"If you have suspicious cargo on board or suspect that it is destined for the rebels, demand of the captain that he produce manifest and ship's orders for your inspection; demand a written statement as to port of destination and consignee."

"If contrary to this statement, course is altered to a rebel port, then don't hesitate—but act! Seamen, you are in your right if you take action to prevent contravention of the decrees of your governments and the resolutions of all your trade union organizations. It is your duty to give the Spanish fighters for liberty every support!"

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FASCIST MEN DESERTING TO SPANISH GOVT.

Govt. Tells Franco's Troops They Will Be Well Treated

MADRID.—Heavy desertions from the armies of Fascist General Franco are reported here, with men deserting to the Spanish government militia singly and in groups up to eight soldiers.

The government is "bombarding" the Fascist troops with leaflets, appealing to them to desert.

Deserters Well Treated "We will look upon you as one of us," promises a leaflet signed by General Miaja, Commander-in-Chief of the Madrid Defense Junta, denying that deserters to the government are ill-treated, as the Fascist generals are trying to make their men believe.

Addressing his appeal to "Spanish soldiers, Foreign Legionnaires and Moorish Regulars," Miaja points out that the rebel commanders have become desperate as their attempts to capture Madrid have failed.

Miaja concludes: "You will be treated in the same way as those who contribute to the triumph of the Republic. Come to our ranks, and if possible bring your arms!"

Banning Worker Takes Prize

"In this cornah! The winnah!" Acting as referee in the weekly competition among worker correspondents for valuable book prizes, the Western Worker staff has awarded the latest prize of "Fascism and Social Revolution" by R. Palme Dutt, to the worker in Banning who wrote of the organization of workers on the Los Angeles Aqueduct.

"The Coming Struggle for Power," by John Strachey, will be awarded the writer of the best story in this and the next issue. And the prize after that will be "Imperialism" by Lenin.

How About You? You, too, can be "the winnah!" Just write up in your own words the story of your shop or factory, farm area or neighborhood, and tell the grievances, conditions and demands of the working-people and small farmers.

Just address Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

S. Jose Jobless Get Labor Party Talk

SAN JOSE.—A large number of applications were received by the Workers Alliance, at the mass meeting it held last Friday night in Townsend Club headquarters.

Frank Lintner, state chairman of the Workers Alliance, introduced the speakers. Earl Moorehead, president of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council spoke on industrial unionism and the need for a Labor Party to prevent fascism.

Assemblyman Cottrell pledged to use his office to help the unemployed and WPA workers. Schultz of the Retail Grocers Assn. spoke on the small merchants and relief for the unemployed. Frank Wilson of the New Forty-Niners, a new youth organization, spoke of the proposed California Youth Act.

A collection was taken to help the Washington demonstration of WPA workers on Jan. 15.

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Hatred of Nazi Killers Made Him Do It

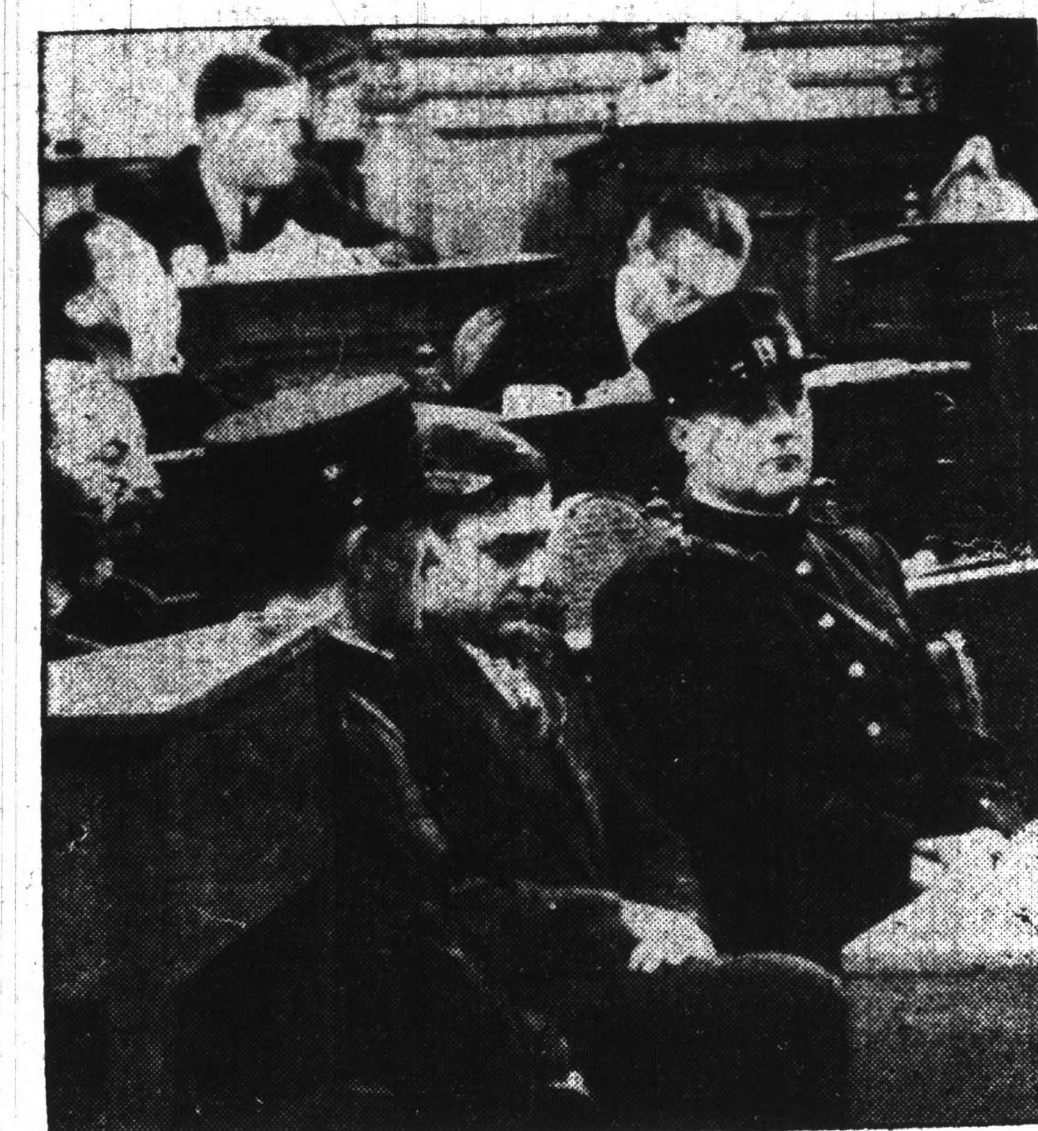


PHOTO SHOWS David Frankfurter, 27-year-old Jewish medical student, seated between two guards during his trial at Chur, Switzerland, where he was convicted of slaying William Gustloff, Swiss Hitlerite chief. Brooding over persecution of Jews in Germany, the prisoner said he had wanted to assassinate Hitler too. He didn't realize that assassination accomplishes little, for new Hitlerers can be found to replace those assassinated. He didn't know that a united front of all oppressed, and lovers of democracy can defeat fascism.

Spanish Seamen Held Prisoner By Mussolini

GENOA, Italy.—Arrested on the outbreak of the Spanish Fascist rebellion by Italian authorities, a number of Spanish seamen are held prisoner in Italian Fascist jails. Fifteen seamen were arrested here when they refused to take Italian war material to Franco. Seamen from the Biscaya, Bachi and Bilbao, were arrested in the port of Livorno.

These seamen are kept in special cells and subjected to harsh treatment, but nothing has been able to shake their loyalty to the Spanish Popular Front government.

C. S. Prisoner's Health Injured

SAN FRANCISCO.—Unless Nora Conklin, victim of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism frame-up, is immediately released from Tehachapi Women's Prison, her health will be permanently injured, declared Elaine Black, secretary of the Northern California District, International Labor Defense, last Tuesday.

"Tehachapi has been called a model prison," said Miss Black, "but Nora Conklin is developing a goiter because the water in the artesian well there—the only water she has to drink—is alkaline and lacks iodine."

"Several times during summer there was no water in the prison, and the well temporarily drying up for hours. No doubt many other women are suffering from various ills due to this condition."

"The diet of this prison is almost totally lacking in fresh vegetables, and such things as fish and other necessary foods are seldom seen."

The I.L.D. demands that the recently formed Women's Prison Board of Terms and Paroles immediately parole Nora Conklin to her husband.

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People of India Move in Fight For Freedom

BOMBAY, India.—Millions of workers and peasants of India, ground under the heel of British Imperialism, are again arousing themselves to struggle for freedom, this time under more militant leadership than has been given by Mahatma Gandhi, who is criticized sharply for checking powerful movements at the peak.

Gandhi is charged with discouraging struggle against British in the name of religion, non-violence, etc., and with still trusting Britain, despite disillusioning experiences. Gandhi, at a critical juncture, becomes more afraid of the masses than of the British.

Fight Linked with Socialism "The President of the recent Indian National Congress is Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who has declared:

"I am convinced that the only key to the solution of the world's problems lies in socialism, and when I use this word I do so, not in a vague humanitarian way, but in the scientific economic sense."

"I see no way of ending the poverty, the vast unemployment, the degradation and the subjection of the Indian people, except through socialism. I work for Indian independence because the nationalist in me cannot tolerate alien domination. I work for it even more because for me it is the inevitable step to social and economic change."

The government of India Act of 1935 is an attempt by Britain to give only a semblance of self-government to India, while keeping the key positions of power in British hands.

Political Prisoners Boycott Hitler-Like Court in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil.—Political prisoners of the brutal, semi-Fascist Vargas government, have decided to boycott the Hitler-like "special tribunal" set up to hear the "charges" against them, it is reported here.

The prisoners were said to have agreed not to recognize the tribunal, to refuse to appear before it, or if forced to appear, to refuse to sign any documents or answer questions.

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ROOSEVELT HAS U. S. IN WORLD NAVAL "RACE"

Orders Construction of Two New Super Battleships

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Ordering immediate start of construction of two superdreadnaughts to cost 100 million dollars, President Roosevelt has shown that Wall Street hasn't given up war as a weapon to use in search of profits, and, further, that he is strongly influenced by Wall St. imperialists.

Greatest in U. S. History

Further proof of this is seen in the fact that for the third consecutive year, the President authorized jumping army and navy expenditures about 100 million dollars.

Actual 1938 estimates for funds for strictly war-preparations purposes include \$587,302,600 for the U.S. Navy, and \$393,460,400 for the War Department, a total of \$980,763,000. This is the highest peace-time appropriation for war purposes in U.S. history.

Total of 404 War Vessels

At present the U.S. has 307 warships, same as Great Britain, with a total of 1,070,475 tons, and is building or has funds for 95 more warships, not including the two super "battle-wagons" mentioned above.

Roosevelt announced the two new ships at a press conference, also noting the world naval race—greatest in history—with Britain beginning two new battleships, France three, Germany three, and Italy two.

What Hitler Asks For Aiding Franco

BERLIN.—In return for an investment of \$180,000,000 and between 15,000 and 25,000 "volunteer" troops, Hitler expects to gain three objectives as a result of his aid to Spanish Fascist General Franco, it is reported here.

These objectives are: (1) Colonies, lost after the World War; (2) Mining concessions in Spain or its possessions; (3) Economic aid from other European powers.

World-Aid to Spain Can Foil Him However, Hitler is apt to be sold out for lack of margin, as stockbrokers put it, because his personal representative with the Spanish Fascists, General Wilhelm Faupel, has reported to "Der Fuhrer" that not less than 130,000 men, of whom 60,000 would have to come from Germany, could win for Franco against the legal and constitutional Spanish Popular Front government.

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Young Communist League
Born Dance, Jan. 22, Doyre Hall, 3843 18th St. Get tickets at YCL Office. Adm. 25c.

Report Donations To C.P. of Japan; More Needed

LOS ANGELES.—Since the appearance in the Western Worker of December 21, 1936, of an appeal for funds for "Red Flag," central organ of the Communist Party of Japan, Treasurer James Dan has received \$41.

Publication of the appeal for funds for "Red Flag" has received splendid response from readers of the Western Worker. Up to January 5, 1937, the following contributions were received:

LOS ANGELES.—A. B., \$5; K. \$3; S., \$2; Dublin, \$1; Jim, \$1.50; X., \$3; V. S., \$3; Kate, 50 cents; T., 50 cents; Japanese Workers, \$10; SAN FRANCISCO — Japanese Workers, \$10; HAWAII—\$1; OREGON—\$3.

Three thousand yen (approximately \$855) is needed for the fund from the United States. Additional donations should be sent to James Dan, 230 South Spring St., Los Angeles.

Mexican Workers Would Put Labor Fakers on Trial

(Mexican Labor News)

MEXICO CITY.—Creation of special labor tribunals, composed entirely of workers' representatives, to review and pass judgment on conduct of all leaders of the Mexican labor movement, was urged in a resolution adopted by the convention of the National Federation of Electrical Workers and passed on to the National Council of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) for appropriate action.

Formation of such tribunals, said the resolution, would go a long way towards eliminating much of the corruption and mystifications which are the stock in trade of many minor leaders of Mexican labor, and which have done so much to hold back progress and unification of the Mexican working-class movement.

Engineers Report Ice Co. Blacklist

SAN JOSE.—The Stationary Engineers report that three of their union members have been fired by the Union Ice Co. for union activities.

The Union Ice Co. is a chain store outfit, which controls most of the ice in California. Its union-breaking activities were also noticed in the Salinas lettuce strike.

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SOVIET UNION IS ON GUARD AGAINST FOES

Increases Funds For Defense as War Danger Rises

MOSCOW.—If Hitler tries to cash in on his threat of robber war in the Soviet Ukraine, and if Japan attempts to carry out its threat of war in the Far East, the Soviet people will not be caught unaware and unprepared to defend their Socialist land.

Because of the increased danger of war, Finance Commissar Gregory Grinko announced last week to the Central Executive Committee of the USSR, contemplated defense expenditures of 20,102,000,000 rubles, or approximately \$4,000,000,000.

The figure is 35.7 percent greater than last year's expenditures, and about 20 percent of the entire budget of more than \$19,000,000,000.

Resounding applause greeted Grinko's budget message when he came to the defense section

Ex-Nazi Condemns Hitler Actions in Danzig Free City

WARSAW, Poland.—In an interview published in papers here, Dr. Hermann Rauschning, former Nazi President of the Danzig Senate, accused Germany of being the chief disturbing factor in the Free City of Danzig.

He said there can be no peace in Danzig until Germany promises to respect the Free City's status, and urged maintenance of League of Nations' authority in Danzig.

Dr. Rauschning was forced to resign as President of the Danzig Senate on November 23, 1934, after being accused of treachery to the Nazi Party.

LOS ANGELES

Keep Saturday, Feb. 6th Open

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SAN FRANCISCO

LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

On the night of Friday, January 8, Edward Vandeleur allowed, without opposition, the passage of a resolution in the San Francisco Central Labor Council, condemning Mayor Angelo Rossi as anti-labor for his "non-partisan" speech attacking the striking maritime workers.

That hurt Mr. Vandeleur, hurt him deeply. After all, he has been playing postoffice with what is quaintly known as the "City Hall Gang" for many, many years. There must be strong personal attachment between him and Mayor Rossi, etc. And it must have hurt Mr. Rossi very deeply as well. That resolution was so much hand-writing on the wall for Rossi; he couldn't fail to realize its implications.

Sad News for Rossi . . .

The resolution meant that organized labor is beginning to make demands that officials in the city of San Francisco represent the majority of the people—in other words, the working people.

It meant that a mayor who serves the shipowners, the bankers, etc., has fixed a date for his political death, that a man from the ranks of labor will become mayor of San Francisco. Chances look pretty good that S.F. unions will follow the example of the Los Angeles unions which will have a labor slate up for the municipal elections this April and May.

Apparently the handwriting on the wall made sense to Vandeleur, as well as to Rossi; on Saturday, January 9, he announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the presidency of the Central Labor Council.

More Pressure Needed . . .

Labor hasn't applied 10 percent of the mass pressure needed if Roosevelt's promises made during the 1936 election campaign are to mean more than the paper they were written on. A rubber check won't bounce half as hard as that paper, 100 percent mass pressure is applied.

The President's initial speech to Congress and his budget speech showed plainly that Wall Street is putting on the heat, with the result that Roosevelt has moved closer to the fire and left the people out in the cold.

When the President put forward his neutrality legislation, and greased Congress to rush it through, the fastest time since the banking laws of 1933, he did just what the doctor ordered—for Wall Street, Hitler, and General Franco. In effect, he blocked help to legal, democratic Spain, while under-the-table aid to the Spanish Fascists will remain untouched.

He cut relief one-third, and is, by virtue of a way-to-low appropriation, cutting hundreds of thousands of WPA workers out of their jobs.

And, on the war preparations side, Roosevelt lined up with Wall Street's Big Navy League and Big Army Association by jacking up appropriations to \$980,000,000 as compared with this year's \$887,000,000. And this year's appropriation set an all-time high for peace-time war preparations!

Put F.D.R. On the Spot . . .

It's high time for labor to put Roosevelt on the spot: "Did you make us these promises to benefit our working and living conditions? Didn't we give you the greatest majority vote in the history of the country? Don't our demands represent the needs of the majority of the American people? Well, then, come across!"

Labor and its allies among the small farmers and the middle-class can put enough heat on Roosevelt, to make the Wall Street heat look like a kid's bonfire.

And without that heat—or mass pressure—Roosevelt's going to toast his toes at the fireplace of big business.

What's needed is for Labor's Non-Partisan League to take active steps now towards building a national Farmer-Labor Party in every state in the union.

And here in California, labor needs to organize a Non-Partisan League which will cooperate with all Farmer-Labor Party groupings and put the "heat" on the State Legislature to defeat the legislative connivings of the California Manufacturers' Association, Associated Farmers, and other open-shoppers to put across into state law the legislative program of the State Federation of Labor.

More than that, the California People's Legislative Conference in Sacramento on January 16-17, is another effective weapon in this fight for the unions and for the people generally.

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AGRICULTURAL LABOR NEEDS ORGANIZATION

Unions Must Answer Threat of Asso. Farmers

By a Worker Correspondent

SANTA ROSA. — Organize! This must be the answer to the threat hurled at the agricultural and farm workers of Sonoma County by the "Associated Farmers."

In order to preserve the civil rights and democratic liberties of these workers and small farmers who need union organization to protect their meagre living standard, it is essential that the existing organizations of the people such as unions, granges, fraternal, religious and political groups, stand solidly behind them in their coming organizational struggle.

"Law and Order"

From the fact that R. J. McClain heads the list of prominent "agriculturalists," an idea of the type of law and order the Associated Farmers stand for can be arrived at.

On August 31, 1935, at 8:45 p.m., R. J. McClain stood on the steps of Germania Hall, Santa Rosa, with a club (not a plover handle) in his hand, ready with a couple hundred other things, to beat vigilante "law and order" into the heads of 300 peaceably assembled men and women and children.

He was a mechanic at Western Bros. Garage, Petaluma, and as a farm leader is out of his element which is grease, not soil.

Anti-Labor and Pro-Fascist

The Press-Democrat report of December 23 states: "The new group is pledged to prevent organization of agricultural workers." This "law and order" organization thus sets itself the aim of preventing the agricultural workers from exercising their right to form a union.

The Associated Farmers take credit for settling the orange, lettuce and celery strikes. How? By the law of fear, clubs, guns and organized terror, aided and abetted by the State Highway Patrol. The order created by brutally suppressing the democratic rights of the people to assemble in public and voice their grievances.

They aim at "educational efforts" not vigilante tactics, they say. Is this why they have a vigilante at their head? They claim to stand for continuing to pay high wages to farm workers. High wages of 15 to 25 cents an hour? When this group speaks of "subversive" or radical elements organizing the union, they undoubtedly refer to anyone with enough courage and ability to help organize these persecuted workers.

Banker-Industrial "Farmers"

The Associated Farmers represent the banker and industrial agriculturalists and their tin-horn political hangers-on. They do not and can not represent the interests of the small poultry, dairy and fruit farmers of Sonoma County who have a common bond with the workers; the struggle to exist.

The Communist Party of Sonoma County at all times defends the right of all workers and farmers to organize to protect their economic and political interests. The lie that we do not want to see a strike settled or see the workers win higher wages, is easily exposed: why not raise the wages of the workers, then?

C. P. Ready to Aid

The local papers say prosperity is back, so why not pass a little of this along to the agricultural workers who produce most of this wealth?

The Communist Party of Sonoma County stands ready not only to support but to lend its active aid to the organizational struggle of the agricultural workers of Sonoma County, in spite of the threats of such undemocratic and semi-Fascist organizations as the Associated Farmers.

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Fire Ended Work In Cannery At Bristol Bay

(By an Alaska Canner)

Continued from Previous Issues

BRISTOL BAY, Alaska.—On our way to the Red Salmon Cannery, from a small rise of the windswept, desolate marshland, we turned to view the scene once more. Scattered all over the landscape in small huddled groups, stood the men who had fled the fire. Beyond the men stood the doomed factories, still in flames.

Gasoline Explodes

As we watched, the fire reached the gasoline house. It was only a matter of minutes until the earth trembled under our feet, a flame shot out to the heavens like the discharge of a mighty gun in the night, and the muffled rumble reached our ears, like cannonading in the distance. The gas house was no more. Out on the bay could be seen the fishermen, still coming in.

We turned our steps, once more to start our long trek. On the way we met the marshal on his way to the scene of the fire. We gave him what information we could, and went about our business. The information we had was that the fire had started from a short circuit.

Arriving at the Red Salmon, we found that the news had preceded us here, that as soon as the fire had started, the wireless operator had sent the news all over the continent. The thought struck me that, in less time than it took us to cover the distance from our cannery to the Red Salmon, the news was already in the papers in San Francisco. What a day and age. We were going through life up here as though we were in another world entirely.

San Francisco, so it seemed, was only a dream, like something transplanted to another planet. It was easy to imagine this when one surveyed the terrain around him. There was nothing in this neck of the woods that reminded one of the tales he had read of sordidness and malumities. No romance or adventure here—just fish, flats and wind.

I received medical attention from our president, Jack Barola. (My infection was getting to a stage where I was particular who treated it. The doctor at our camp, as stated before, was of the type that did not inspire one to place his confidence in him. I was of the opinion that if there was to be a burial at sea, I did not want to be it.)

We told Barola all that had happened, corroborated what the delegates had said, and prepared to stay there for the night. Next morning for want of something else to do, we decided to go to the Diamond N.N. across the river. Our vice-president, Paul Lyons, was there and we wanted to see him, in case we would be sent back to Frisco.

(To Be Continued)

Union Jurisdiction Dispute Settled in Mexican Ports

(Mexican Labor News)

MEXICO CITY. — General strike of all stevedores and other dock workers in Gulf and Pacific ports has been called off with an agreement between the Dock Workers' Union and the Industrial Union of Oil Workers.

The dispute grew out of the workers—employers convention in the oil industry. One clause of the contract gave the oil workers the right to load and unload oil ships, but after several conversations between leaders of the two organizations, the oil workers withdrew from their position.

AKRON GAS STRIKE ENDS

AKRON, O.—Union tank truck drivers ended the county-wide gas strike around here by accepting an agreement.

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STANDARD OIL RAZED BY BIG SOCCER CROWD

Scab-Herders Seeking Publicity, Get It, But in Reverse

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—San Francisco soccer crowds, at any rate, have a large class-conscious percentage. Proof of this was given on Sunday, January 3, when the local All-Star team beat the New Westminster Royals (champions of Canada) 3-0, at Ewing Field.

As was to be expected, this long-awaited game attracted the largest crowd in a decade, some 6000 people being on hand.

Publicity in Reverse

The Standard Oil Company no doubt realized that by donating one of their public-address system trucks for this game, they would get good publicity. They got publicity all right. But not so good!

At half-time, as the teams rested, the announcer started his ballyhoo: "We take this opportunity to tell you that this public address system is donated for today's game through the courtesy of the Standard Oil Co."

Immediately a loud chorus of boos swept over Ewing Field, which probably so staggered the announcer that he couldn't do any announcing for the greater part of the second half of the game.

Boos for Scab-Herders

About 15 minutes from the end, however, he again started, in a faltering voice: "May I once again remind you, ladies and gentlemen, that this address system—(a pause)—comes to you through the courtesy of the Standard Oil Co."

A thunder of boos drowned the rest of his talk; shouts of "scab" came from scattered sections of the crowd, and until the game ended, cries of "scabby Standard" and "how's your scab oil?" punctuated the air.

Moral for the Western Worker: Station an agent outside Ewing Field every Sunday at about 4:15 p.m.

Worker Tells of Graft in Army

By a Worker Correspondent

TILLICUM, Wash.—Wish to compliment you on the splendid array of the "Western Worker," Jan. 4 issue, relative to pictures. Your paper is O.K. anyway, gives such a fearless coverage of entire USA and world people's front.

In New York City, New Year's Eve, \$15 to \$25 a plate was paid in some of the night clubs, and the money is flowing like water in Florida at winter horse races; and it's the same old leaky ship under Roosevelt, with putty in the cracks, and the workers only receiving enough to barely drag back to the job next day, if they are lucky enough to have one.

Graft in U.S. Army

Things have quieted down here since election, some repairs to houses and barns previous to that. Quite a number were laid off by WPA.

Sergeants and other NCO's of regular army at Fort Lewis are using army trucks for personal use, hauling wood and supplies. There's quite a bit of new construction for army men living outside of reservation. One sergeant living near where I am staying, put in a septic tank made from two sections of concrete that, I think, came from Fort Lewis.

Grafting Off Men

In a federal transient camp here, a year ago last summer, a couple of hams were put in garbage cans and covered with potato peelings.

Two of Labor's Foremost Prisoners



ANGELO HERNDON, young Negro unemployed leader facing a 20 year sentence on a Georgia chain-gang, shakes hands with Tom Mooney on Herndon's recent visit to San Francisco.

Los Angeles Cops Are Pals-To the Trotzkyites

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES.—Standing in front of 719 Los Angeles St. was a young man passing out leaflets calling a meeting for the right of Asylum for L. Trotzky.

And much to my amazement along comes a police officer, No. 1880, and although seeing the leaflets being passed out, walks right by as if he had seen nothing. (As a comrade, I should not have been amazed as I have learned that Trotzky is acceptable to the Fascist elements as he has, through his actions, shown very definitely that he works hand in hand with the Fascist forces.)

Upon noticing that officer walk by without making an arrest for what is considered a violation, when any comrade passes out leaflets bearing the Communist signature, I made a comment to a person standing near me that had this been a leaflet put out by the Communist Party dealing with economic problems of the factory advising the workers to struggle for better living conditions, that there would have been an arrest made, but as Trotzky worked hand in hand with the Fascist forces, I guessed that this was permissible.

The officer, upon hearing this remark made by myself, walked over to the young man passing out the leaflets and in a very friendly manner spoke to him. The young man and the balance of the leaflets walked off. This happens only when it doesn't happen to be a Communist.

Little Chiseling On WPA Jobs

SAN FRANCISCO. — Trying desperately to eliminate as many of the 80,000 California WPA workers as possible, under the excuse of discovering chiseling, state relief officials admit they have only been able to discover 1152 whom they could call "chiselers." Even these are open to doubt.

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Ala. County Labor Council in Three Progressive Steps

OAKLAND. — The Alameda County Central Labor Council continued its progressive march onward with a program of financial assistance, election of delegates and a step towards complete democracy within the Labor Council.

A donation of \$100 was voted the Joint Maritime Strike Committee, followed by a decision to send letters to all affiliated locals urging them to send financial aid to the strikers at once.

In reply to the program of the California Manufacturers Association to transfer their taxes to those less able to pay and to further restrict constitutional rights, the Central Labor Council unanimously voted to elect two delegates for the California People's Legislative Conference to be held in Sacramento, January 16-17.

That all members of affiliated locals be allowed to attend Council meetings was voted as a step towards complete democracy. The question of fraternal delegates will be taken up in the near future.

What is right for William Green, reactionary AFL president, is not right for Ernest Segal, secretary and organizer of United Rubber Workers. Green, expelled from the United Mine Workers, ruled Segal was not entitled to a seat in the council because he had been expelled from the Filling Station Operators Union. Green, however, has not unseated himself.

William C. Spooner cunningly worded seating of two delegates so as to exclude Segal without presenting the rank and file with the opportunity of voicing their sentiment.

Spooner offered the evidence to Green which resulted in exclusion of Segal. Neither Green nor Spooner would reveal the "evidence" against Segal.

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GOVT. THROTTLES AID FOR DEMOCRATIC SPAIN, ALLOWS OIL FOR JAPAN AGGRESSION

Millions of Gallons of Oil to be Shipped Japan to Use in Tanks and Tractors Against People of China

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES.—Twelve million, six hundred thousand gallons of oil will be delivered to Japan from Pacific Coast in the next 90 days.

Fuel for tractors and light tanks is quietly being shipped to this leader among aggressor nations, which has been steadily encroaching on the territory of China and preparing for an attack on the Soviet Union.

LEGION LEADER DIDN'T ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

By a Worker Correspondent

SANTA BARBARA.—A letter, with questions, was mailed to the National Commander of the American Legion, Harry W. Coimery, who was the speaker at a luncheon here on January 5.

The writer was in attendance at this luncheon and not the slightest hint or acknowledgment was given either to the letter, or to the questions. The questions asked the Legion's position on organization of unorganized workers along the lines of the Committee for Industrial Organization, the Maritime Federation in its struggles to better living conditions, whether the U. S. government would be justified in withdrawal of subsidies to all ship owners who refuse decent pay and living conditions to their employees.

He Didn't Answer

Other questions asked the Legion's position toward the United People's Front against war and Fascism, toward freedom of speech, press and assembly, release of Mooney and Billings and all other political prisoners. Another question was: "Why does the Legion condone and in some cases participate in vigilantes against workers' organizations and those on strike?"

However, Coimery did state: "And each minority has a right to plan its own strategy, call its own plays and carry its own ball toward the goal of achievement sought for its own group." And he admitted that the American Legion had made mistakes.

Quick Action Imperative

"The \$15,000,000 allocated to the project must be committed or spent by June 30 and it is therefore imperative that quick action be had."

Some 300 bills have been introduced in the Legislature thus far, of which great public interest is attached to those for social security, for repeal of the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act, for protection of civil liberties, for abolition of sales tax and for taxing the rich, etc.

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Peoples Legislative Meet Gets Bills For Labor Rights

PUNISHMENT FOR VIGILANTE ACTS SOUGHT

Vigilantism Defined In Bill Before Peoples Meet

(AN ACT DEFINING VIGILANTISM AND VIGILANTE ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP THEREIN, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN PRESUMPTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND PUNISHMENTS THEREFOR.)

The People of the State of California do enact as follows:

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. In the interpretation of this act the public policy of the State of California is hereby declared as follows:

It is recognized that individual workers are in too many instances in this state and elsewhere prevented from exercising their freedom to organize and join trade unions as a result of unlawful and un-American forces directed against such workers on the part of vigilante bands, terror gangs, black legions, tar and feather parties, lynch mobs, secret clans, "law and order" committees, citizens' defense groups, marching units, and many other bodies of persons. In the mistaken belief that in so doing they are fostering and protecting their business and property, these groups use violence, threats, and intimidation to hamper activities of trade unions, and although these acts are punishable under the civil and criminal laws of this state, still vigilante groups now exist and are increasing in number. While these groups do not in the process of their formation violate the existing laws of this state, nevertheless they foster and breed gross violations of constitutional and civil rights, and are therefore prohibited under this act.

Section 2. Definitions. (a) Vigilantism is defined as:

- (1) The taking or arresting of another person against his will, or
- (2) The use of intimidation, threats or unlawful means for the purpose of interfering with the organization of workers into trade unions, or for the purpose of interfering with the activities of trade unions.

Defining Vigilantism

(b) A vigilante organization is defined as any two or more persons who shall meet, gather or associate for the purpose of engaging in vigilantism. It is expressly declared that no bona fide organizations of employees, independent of employer control, who are associated for the purpose of bargaining collectively with their employer or employers, can under any circumstances be considered a vigilante organization.

(c) The term, member, is defined as any person who knowingly joins, meets with, cooperates with, or gives or lends funds, services or property to such an organization.

Section 3. Unlawful Acts Penalties. Any person who

- (a) Commits any act of vigilantism; or
- (b) Is a member of a vigilante organization; or
- (c) Organizes or assists in organizing a vigilante organization; or
- (d) By spoken or written words or personal conduct incites, provokes, encourages, or causes the commission of vigilantism or the formation of a vigilante organization; or
- (e) By spoken or written words or personal conduct advocates, teaches or affirms the desirability of vigilantism or vigilante organization; or
- (f) By spoken or written words or personal conduct excuses, justifies, or condones the commission of acts of vigilantism, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than six months or more than one year, or by fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1000, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and no court or judge thereof shall have the power of authority to grant probation or suspend the imposition or execution of sentence in any case where guilt is found or established under this act.

Further Penalties

Section 4. Additional Penalties. Any holder of a public office of the state or a political subdivision thereof, convicted under this act, shall automatically forfeit such office, and shall forever thereafter be ineligible to hold public office.

Section 5. Presumptions. (a) Any person or persons who shall take or arrest another person against his will or shall use intimidation, threats or any unlawful means where such acts would reasonably be expected to result in interference with the

We publish on this page some of the bills affecting the rights of labor, to be introduced at the California Peoples Legislative Conference, to be held at the Labor Temple, Sacramento, January 16 and 17. In our next issues more of the bills presented at the Conference will be printed on this, the Labor Page of the Western Worker. Many organized labor bodies are sending delegates to the Peoples Legislative Conference

Transportation of Scabs, Use of Tear Gas Are Hit in Bills

BRINGING IN OF SCAB ELEMENTS WOULD BE 'OUT'

Proposed Act Declares It a Misdemeanor

An act declaring it to be a misdemeanor for any natural person or corporation knowingly to transport or furnish transportation which brings or carries any person to or toward a place where such person is to render services in violation of the act entitled "An act declaring it to be a misdemeanor for any natural person or corporation to hire or employ, or procure or assist in the hiring or employment of, any person to do or perform services formerly rendered by an employee who has been a resident for more than one month immediately preceding the date of employment or attempt to employ, of the county wherein he is to render services, and defining a labor dispute".

Bringing in Scabs

The People of the State of California do enact as follows:

Section 1.—It shall be unlawful knowingly to transport or furnish transportation which brings or carries any person to or toward a place where such person is to render services in violation of the act cited in the title hereof. The violation of this act shall constitute a misdemeanor.

Section 2.—If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase, of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this act. The Legislature hereby declares that it would have passed this act irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases thereof be declared unconstitutional.

Auto Salesman—A New Union—Start With Over 200

SAN FRANCISCO.—A new labor union—the Automobile Salesmen's Union—drew 200 men to its first meeting last week. Of these almost all signed up for membership in the organization.

HERE'S MORE PROOF

CAGLIARI, Sardinia.—This Italian island has lately been developed into one of the chief clearing ports for supplies to the Spanish Fascists. Munitions are of Italian manufacture.

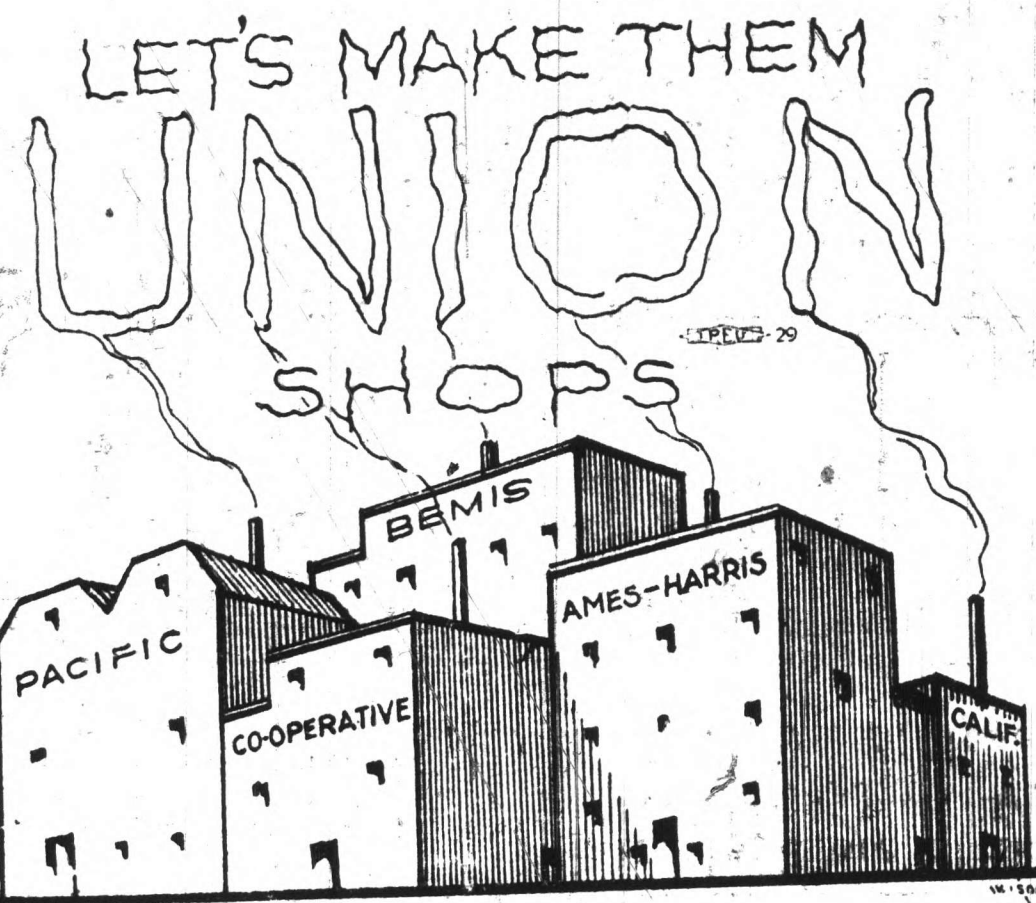
organization of workers into trade unions, or the activities of trade unions, and such interference does result; is presumed to intend a violation of this Act.

(b) Any person or group of persons who shall (1) Possess, control, or maintain (any) without a license or permit any firearms, explosives, poison gas, tear gas, nausea gas, clubs, knives, blackjacks, slingshots, billies, sandclubs, sandbags, metal knucklers or any other weapons, or shall urge its members or any of them, to possess, control, or maintain the same; or (2) Possess, use, or distribute masks, hoods, robes, uniforms, or disguises, worn or suitable for wear by its members, or any of them; or shall equip its members or any of them, with such masks, hoods, robes, uniforms, or disguises; or shall require or urge its members, or any of them, to possess, wear, or use such masks, hoods, robes, uniforms, or disguises with the result that the organization of workers into trade unions or the activities of trade unions is interfered with, shall be presumed to intend a violation of this Act.

Section 6. Short Title. This Act may be cited and designated as the Anti-Vigilante Act.

Section 7. Constitutionality. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Act. It is hereby declared that each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Act would have been enacted irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases are or should be declared unconstitutional.

The Bag Strike—Seen by a Striker



— Drawn by a member of United Textile Workers Union Local 2532, San Francisco.

Some Notes of the First Laborers' Hiring Hall Here

SEATTLE, Wash.—The sum of three thousand dollars was received from the head office of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners as strike relief for the Omak strikers, formerly employed by the Byles-Coleman Lumber Company.

Distribution of the money is in the hands of the Puget Sound District Council, LSWU. Approximately \$25,000 has been sent to the Omak strikers since they came out. The Omak strike is the only one in progress at present in the territory covered by the Puget Sound District Council, the Sellick and Eatonville strikes having been settled recently.

The Sellick strike lasted nineteen months.

PORTLAND, Ore.—By a vote of three thousand to four hundred, Local 2532 here recently went on record as favoring a revision of the 1936 working agreement which was negotiated at the conclusion of the strike. No information was given regarding proposed changes.

ABERDEEN, Wash.—The Grays-Willapa Harbors District Council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union has announced it will proceed with court action to quash the temporary injunction issued against it in the McCleary strike.

The injunction was secured by the mill operators in McCleary to restrain the union from maintaining a picket line.

TACOMA, Wash.—Employees of the Pacific Match Company, which operates a factory here, were recently organized with the assistance of LSWU locals.

When operating at normal capacity the plant employs three hundred workers. It is the only match factory on the Pacific Coast where the workers are organized.

Plan Maritime Strike Debate (Bridges Vs. Lapham) In S. Jose

SAN JOSE.—The recently organized People's Forum is planning a debate on the maritime strike between Harry Bridges and Roger D. Lapham of the American-Hawaiian S.S. Co.

ago until assurance was given them by responsible parties that L.A. Young would not repeat its wailing.

In accordance with this, City Manager Hassler and Conciliator Mathewson elicited a promise from the open-shoppers—who then proceeded to spit upon the city and federal officials by ignoring the agreement!

Hassler Also Reneged

L.A. Young's attitude becomes more intelligible when we find that City Manager Hassler, too, reneged on his promises; obviously made without the slightest intent of honoring them. Hassler stated that he would find employment before Jan. 1 for the three militant strike leaders L.A. Young refused to take back, if the strikers would return to work. Today the three workers involved, still look to Hassler for the promised work.

A bitter lesson was learned by L.A. Young workers in this past struggle: that goodwill tears shed by employers are too dirty to clean a worker's hands! One of the concessions L.A. Young requested and was granted

RIGHT TO PICKET WOULD BE MADE PART OF LAW

California Picketing Act Is Proposed

(AN ACT TO PREVENT ANY PERSON FROM BEING PUNISHED CRIMINALLY OR HELD ANSWERABLE IN ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL SUIT FOR PICKETING, PERSUADING, OR ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE ANY OTHER PERSONS OR PERSON TO DO ANY LAWFUL ACT OR TO REFRAIN FROM DOING ANY ACT OR THING, OR TO PURSUE ANY LINE OF LAWFUL CONDUCT UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY VIOLENCE OR THREATS OF VIOLENCE, OR FOR ATTENDING, IN THE COURSE OF A LABOR DISPUTE, AT ANY PUBLIC PLACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING OR COMMUNICATING INFORMATION OR OF SO PICKETING, PERSUADING OR ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE, AND DEFINING A LABOR DISPUTE.)

The People of the State of California do enact as follows:

Right to Picket

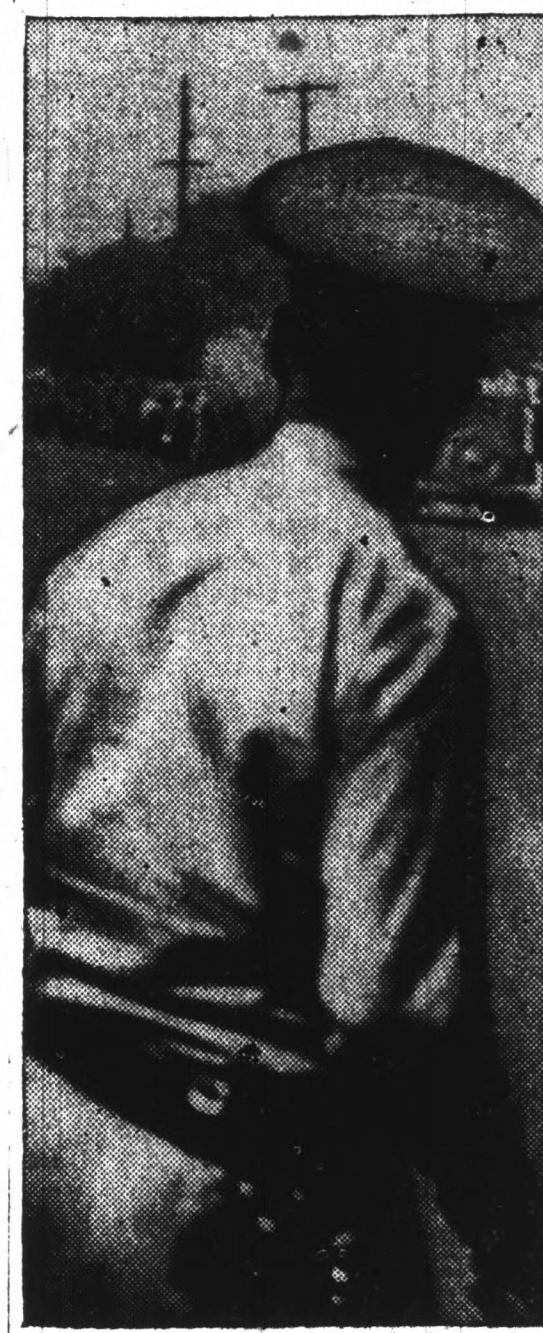
Section 1. No person shall be punished criminally, or held liable or answerable in any civil or criminal action for picketing, persuading or attempting to persuade, by printed or spoken word or otherwise, any other person or persons to do any lawful act or to refrain from doing any act or thing, or to pursue any line of lawful conduct unless such picketing, persuasion, or attempt to persuade is accompanied by violence or threats of violence on the part of the person so picketing, persuading or attempting to persuade, nor for attending in the course of a labor dispute, at any public place for the purpose of obtaining or communicating information or of so picketing, persuading or attempting to persuade.

Section 2. The term "labor dispute" includes any controversy concerning terms or conditions of employment, or concerning the association or representation of persons in negotiating, fixing, maintaining, changing or seeking to arrange terms or conditions of employment, or concerning employment relations, or any other controversy arising out of the respective interests of employer and employee, regardless of whether the disputants stand in the relation of employer and employee.

Section 3. All Acts or Statutes or parts of Acts or Statutes in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Act. The Legislature hereby declares that it would have passed this Act irrespective of the fact that any

STOP THIS!



ONE OF THE bills before the Peoples Legislative Conference in Sacramento called for an end to use of tear gas bombs against strikers, as was done in Salinas lettuce strike, scene from which is shown above (police hurling tear-gas bombs).

RAISES ISSUE OF DEFENSE

Questions Use Being Made of Funds

By a Trade Unionist

LOS ANGELES—Union members throughout California would do well to check up on the way Secretary Vandeleur is using the State Federation Funds set aside by the last convention for defense purposes.

Acting as the agent for Vandeleur on behalf of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, J. W. Buzzell is contracting with a Los Angeles law firm to handle labor defense cases of the L.A. unions. The selected lawyer or firm will receive a retainer of \$250 per month as well as specified amounts for each day in court.

Coulter Contracts

On behalf of Orange County and Harbor districts, J.C. Coulter, vice-president of the Federation, is similarly contracting with a Long Beach lawyer with the same retainer of \$250 per

one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases thereof be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. This Act may be cited and designated as the "California Picketing Act."

USE OF TEAR GAS AGAINST STRIKE PICKETS FLAYED

It Would Be Punishable Under Planned Bill

An act to add a new section to the Penal Code, to be numbered 375½, relating to the punishment of persons who disperse, or break up, or threaten to disperse or break up, any assembly, meeting, parade or picket line, by use of, or threat to use, tear gas, nausea gas, vomit gas, poison gas, or other noxious, offensive or injurious gases.

The People of the State of California do enact as follows:

Section 1. A new section is hereby added to the Penal Code to be numbered 375½-A, and to read as follows:

Section 375½-A (1) Every person who disperses or breaks up, or threatens to disperse or break up, any assembly, meeting, parade or picket line, by the use of, or threat to use, tear-gas, nausea gas, vomit gas, poison gas, or other noxious, offensive or injurious gases, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than six (6) months nor more than one (1) year, or by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5000, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and no court or judge thereof shall have the power or authority to grant probation or suspend the imposition or execution of sentence in any case where guilt is found or established under the provisions of this act.

(2) As herein used, the word "person" shall include, but not be limited to, every sheriff of a county, marshal of a court, constable of a township, chief of police, inspector, police officer, investigator or policeman of a city or town, inspector of any board, the superintendent and the special criminal investigators of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, the chief and the inspectors of the division of narcotic enforcement, and the officers and members of the State Highway Patrol, and all deputies or servants, agents and employees of any of the persons herein named.

In this area alone, consequently, the State Federation is paying \$500 per month for legal aid. Any union using this agency of defense will be required to pay a flat sum for each day in court.

This certainly is not adequately providing for labor defense, because one of the most important factors is publicizing labor arrests and frameups and organizing labor and public support for the victims. Simply hiring a couple of lawyers at fancy fees will not do this. It is not even the way to begin.

Besides this, it is necessary to inquire immediately into the labor record of the lawyers receiving these exorbitant fees.

L. A. Young in Contemptible Attack on Workers

By NAT YANISH

OAKLAND.—With an incredible display of asininity, L.A. Young Spring and Wire Corp. has launched its third campaign within one year against the living and working conditions of its employees.

Surrounding itself with a bevy of degenerate scabs, L.A. Young, with this continued drive, hopes ultimately to discourage and crush its workers into submission.

The fallacy of this employer-mind logic is apparent. The contemptible tactics utilized by L.A. Young in their frenzied attempt to maintain their anti-labor policy, only rouses the workers to a more determined stand to rid themselves of such vicious open-shoppers.

Contempt for City Manager Hassler and Federal Conciliator Walter Mathewson was expressed by L.A. Young Corp. in its latest maneuvers. Having refused once before to honor the awards granted its workers after a walk-out, the strikers refused to return following their second and more decisive victory several weeks

ago until assurance was given them by responsible parties that L.A. Young would not repeat its wailing.

In accordance with this, City Manager Hassler and Conciliator Mathewson elicited a promise from the open-shoppers—who then proceeded to spit upon the city and federal officials by ignoring the agreement!

Hassler Also Reneged

L.A. Young's attitude becomes more intelligible when we find that City Manager Hassler, too, reneged on his promises; obviously made without the slightest intent of honoring them. Hassler stated that he would find employment before Jan. 1 for the three militant strike leaders L.A. Young refused to take back, if the strikers would return to work. Today the three workers involved, still look to Hassler for the promised work.

A bitter lesson was learned by L.A. Young workers in this past struggle: that goodwill tears shed by employers are too dirty to clean a worker's hands! One of the concessions L.A. Young requested and was granted

ed was that they be allowed to call back seven scabs from the Los Angeles plant because their families lived in Oakland. Today the plant is over-run with scores of scabs, and more dribble in from the south continually. Conditions in the Los Angeles plant are so deplorable, even for finks, that they flock back to the Oakland branch at the earliest opportunity.

In Los Angeles, workers must supply themselves with a walking toilet, the L.A. Young plant there being situated on a field eighteen miles from town. Dig a hole here, cover it and move on. Drinking water is bug-infested. The stool-pigeon system is on a par with Ford's Detroit plant.

It is these conditions that L.A. Young Spring and Wire Corp., born and bred in anti-labor Los Angeles, is attempting to foist on its Oakland workers by any method. However, the East Bay has a proud tradition of strong unions—with the resulting improved working conditions—and intends to keep it!

Practically every scab has purchased a new automobile. The

workers are still waiting for their bonus. An employee of 12 years standing in L.A. Young inquired of Keaton when he might expect his bonus. "Why," Keaton exclaimed, "You didn't work during the strike, so you don't get a bonus!"

As a reward for his attempt at starting a company union during the first strike, and for his scabbing during the second, Ronel has been made foreman in the warehouse. Jack Mundoney and Franks Murphy, slimy creatures who glide from worker to worker, attempting to demoralize the men and discredit the union, have been made foremen. The very character of Mundoney and Murphy, however, defeats their object.

Manuel Gomez, a worker whose wages were increased from 75c to 90c an hour as a result of the first victorious strike, went to Los Angeles to scab during the second strike. However, latest reports do not as yet credit him with the post of foreman.

George Mudke, who proudly claims to be a union man (a ruse to discredit unions) went to

L.A. to scab. Frank King, (a term of disrespect) and Bill Simmons are other obnoxious characters overrunning L.A. Young who scabbled.

A shiny line of autos before the 87th Avenue home of Mac Batista, assistant superintendent, eloquently spoke of a meeting of finks Tuesday night to discuss ways and means of bringing Los Angeles anti-labor conditions to Oakland.

It is reliably reported that four carloads of cushion seats sent to the Richmond Ford plant from scabby Los Angeles during the last L.A. Young strike, were immediately shipped back as "N.G."

Firms also expressed dissatisfaction with beds and springs made in Los Angeles with scab labor. The dipping job was very poor, streaked paint proclaimed to the world, "made by scabs!"

Yet L.A. Young Corp. has not learned its lesson. The workers, however, victorious in two previous skirmishes with their cheating employers, are determined that they shall receive the just fruits of their labor.

PROPOSED BILL AIMED AGAINST SCABHERDING

Peoples Conference Takes Up Banning of Scabbery

(AN ACT DECLARING IT TO BE A MISDEMEANOR FOR ANY NATURAL PERSON OR CORPORATION TO HIRE OR EMPLOY, OR PROCURE OR ASSIST IN THE HIRING OR EMPLOYMENT, OF ANY PERSON TO DO OR PERFORM SERVICES FORMERLY RENDERED BY AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS CEASED TO RENDER THE SAME DUE TO, OR AS A RESULT OF, A LABOR DISPUTE UNLESS SUCH PERSON HAS BEEN A RESIDENT FOR MORE THAN ONE MONTH IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF EMPLOYMENT, OR ATTEMPT TO EMPLOY, OF THE COUNTY WHEREIN HE IS TO RENDER SERVICES, AND DEFINING A LABOR DISPUTE.)

The People of the State of California do enact as follows:

Section 1. Public Policy. It is recognized that it is a practice of employers, during the existence of a strike, lockout, or other labor dispute, to bring into the County wherein said strike, lockout or other labor dispute exists, new employees who are not permanent and established residents of said county to take the places of and render the services formerly rendered by persons who have vacated their jobs and ceased rendering services to their employer or employers due to, or as a result of, such strike, lock-out or other labor dispute. Such situation and practice tends to create ill-will and public resentment which all too frequently gives rise to violence and breaches of the peace.

Section 2. Unlawful Acts. It shall be unlawful for any natural person or corporation to hire or employ, or procure or assist in the hiring or employment, of any person to do or perform services formerly rendered by an employee who has ceased to render the same due to, or as a result of, a labor dispute unless such person has been a resident for more than one month immediately preceding the date of employment, or attempt to employ, of the County wherein he is to render services. The violation of this act shall constitute a misdemeanor.

Section 3. Definition. The term "labor dispute" as used in this act includes any controversy concerning terms or conditions of employment, or concerning the association or representation of persons in negotiating, fixing, maintaining, changing or seeking to arrange terms or conditions of employment, or concerning employment relations, or any other controversy arising out of the respective interests of employer and employee, regardless of whether the disputants stand in the relation of employer and employee.

Section 4. Short Title. This act may be cited and designated as the Strikebreaker Act.

Section 5. Unconstitutionality. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this act. The Legislature hereby declares that it would have passed this act irrespective of the fact that any or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases thereof be declared unconstitutional.

Judge Okays Cops Slugging In Strike

LOS ANGELES.—Los Angeles courts have once again upheld the right of police officers illegally to beat up citizens.

Municipal Judge Galbreth dismissed a civil suit brought by Reverend Ward Rodgers, militant member of the Socialist Party, against Lieutenant Carl Abbott, member of the "red squad" and long-time user of fascist brutality against workers.

Rodgers charged that Abbott and three other "red squad" members stopped him while riding in his car last May during the celery strike near Venice, and without provocation struck him in the mouth.

Abbott and his three defense witnesses all plausibly denied that Rodgers had been struck. Despite the evidence of the workers who were riding in the car with Rodgers, however, Judge Galbreth dismissed the suit because of "insufficient evidence."